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EMF PRESENTS AN AFTERNOON OF PIANOPALOOZA & PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

Greensboro, NC- The final day of EMF's 2008 season will kick-off with two diverse and dazzling concerts highlighting the country's finest young pianists and percussionists. These talented musicians will perform in two contrasting yet captivating back-to-back concerts on **Saturday, August, 2, 2008** at **3pm** and **4pm**, respectively. The first performance will feature the innovative and exciting programming of the EMF percussion section, while the sold out Pianopalooza concert will showcase a variety of classics for two hands, four hands, eight hands, and more!. The percussion ensemble concert will take place in the **Dana Auditorium**, while Pianopalooza will be held in the **Sternberger Auditorium of Guilford College (5800 West Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27410)**. Purchase Pianopalooza tickets from \$14 and percussion ensemble tickets for \$9 by calling 866-579-TIXX, from the Festival Box Office at Triad Stage or online at www.EasternMusicFestival.org.

One of this country's foremost training programs for aspiring young musicians between the ages of 14 and 20, the competitive Eastern Music Festival and School attracts talented young performers from all over the world to Greensboro each summer for five weeks of intensive master classes, chamber music, performances, private studies and seminars. With a maximum enrollment of 200 students, the School's limited participation ensures students an "up close and personal" pedagogical and individual experience with faculty, visiting artists and artistic staff. Since 1962, the Eastern Music Festival and School has displayed a roster of illustrious faculty who aim to enhance the abilities of these aspiring pre-professional students through both instruction and example within a nurturing and friendly environment. EMF is proud to boast a roster of highly successful alumni, including jazz all-star Wynton Marsalis.

Currently in its 47th season (June 28 – August 2, 2008), the Eastern Music Festival draws outstanding faculty, distinguished guest artists and talented youth from all over the country and world. Recognized for its commitment to education, the Festival unites world renowned performing artists with pre-professional students to create an environment that fosters musical growth and provides a 5-week schedule of 100 high caliber concerts and music-related events. Led by Music Director, Gerard Schwarz, Guest Conductor Jorge Mester, and Resident Conductor José-Luis Novo, this summer will feature music luminaries such as Midori, Cecile Licad, Xavier Phillips, Elmar Oliveira, Ellis Marsalis and many others. The Festival also produces a popular EMF*fringe* series of alternative programming, featuring everything from Americana to alt country, blues, jazz and gospel. The EMF*kids* concerts and camps introduce younger audiences to a high quality music experience.

For more information about EMF or its programs, please visit www.easternmusicfestival.org, or call toll-free: 1.877.833.6753.

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