



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Hear world-class musicians at the 2007 Festival of the Sound - then head for the dock.**

*James Ehnes one of many performers in Parry Sound this summer.*

**(Parry Sound, Ontario...Wednesday, May 2, 2007)** The 2007 Festival of the Sound will run from July 20th to August 12th and will be “one of our best programmes yet,” announced Executive Director Margaret Boyd today.

Celebrating its 28th year, Canada’s premier chamber music festival will once again feature an array of concerts at the Charles W. Stockey Centre for the Performing Arts on the shores of Georgian Bay in beautiful Parry Sound, Ontario (which was recently voted one of Canada’s “Best Outdoor Towns” in *Explore* magazine).

“This summer, the Festival continues to bring today’s most talented performers to Parry Sound and to present them in a more intimate setting than audiences usually have an opportunity to experience,” said Ms. Boyd. “Musicians of the calibre of James Ehnes or Russell Braun are traditionally heard with international orchestras on big stages - but at the Charles W. Stockey Centre, audiences make a much greater connection with these incredible artists.”

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## **Highlights of the 2007 season include:**

### **Opening Weekend - July 20th to 22nd**

Elmer Iseler Singers, Howard Cable & the Hannaford Street Silver Band,  
Charles W. Stockey Centre 5th Year Celebrations, Remembering Charles

### **July 23 to July 29**

- \* Guitar Heaven (3-day mini-fest featuring the Canadian Guitar Quartet, Benjamin Verdery, jazz guitarist Andrew Scott, and works from Bach and Britten to Jimi Hendrix)
- \* The World on a String: Music of World Cultures
- \* Memories of Glenn Gould
- \* National Youth Brass Band of Wales
- \* Handel on the Bay with Festival Baroque
- \* Carmen Unzipped
- \* Rhombus Media Film Beethoven's Hair
- \* Jazz at the Ridge Golf Club
- \* Sunset on the Bay Cruises
- \* Of War and Peace: Music to calm and inspire us
- \* Piano Gala: The World of Piano

### **July 31 to August 5**

- \* Mary Lou Fallis in Primadonna Choralis
- \* Gala Dinner & Concert at Inn at Manitou with the Festival Winds
- \* James Ehnes
- \* Anagnoson & Kinton
- \* Music, Mozart & Film, featuring K. 627 by Chrisos Hatzis
- \* Children's Workshop: Open Ears, Open Minds
- \* Music Scores for Adults
- \* Strike the Harp!
- \* Dvorak Hears America: Symphony Trains & Songs
- \* Jazz Canada Weekend: From Blues to Gospel to Jazz
- \* Swing! Swing! Swing! featuring the Swing Shift Big Band

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**August 6 to August 12**

- \* Gene DiNovi & James Campbell at Manitou
- \* Chamber Music Treasures
- \* Russian Romantics
- \* Home Free: World Music
- \* German Romantics with Trio Hochelaga
- \* French Masterpieces
- \* Vivaldi's Four Seasons
- \* Beethoven Quartets

The 2007 Festival of the Sound Programme and calendar is available on the Web at [www.festivalofthesound.ca](http://www.festivalofthesound.ca) or free brochures are available by calling the Box Office at 1-866-364-0061 or 705-746-2410. The Box Office is located at 42 James Street in Parry Sound and is open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. After July 1st, tickets can be purchased at the Charles W. Stockey Centre for the Performing Arts from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., seven days a week.

“Some performances are already close to selling out,” said Ms. Boyd. “It’s a great indication that the 2007 Festival of the Sound is worth leaving the dock for.”

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