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## Media Release

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### The 29th annual Festival of the Sound

**The steady growth of Canada's premier summer classical music event results in the introduction of a new chamber orchestra in 2008.**

(Parry Sound, ON – June 2, 2008)...The 29th annual Festival of the Sound will take place at the Charles W. Stockey Centre for the Performing Arts in Parry Sound on Georgian Bay from July 18th to August 10th.

The 2008 season will mark the introduction of the Festival Chamber Orchestra (FCO), a unique ensemble composed of musicians from across Canada, including James Mason of the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony, Brian James of Symphony Nova Scotia and Ken MacDonald of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. The FCO will be in concert on Friday, July 25th at 7:30 p.m. and Friday, August 8th at 7:30 p.m. and will perform the works of Bottesini, Mozart, Bach, and Gershwin with soloists.

“We’re very excited about the development of the Festival Chamber Orchestra,” said Executive Director Margaret Boyd. “Its formation is a testament to the steady growth of the Festival of the Sound as an nationally important classical music event, especially since we moved into the Charles W. Stockey Centre six years ago. The hall is an acoustically stunning space to showcase these wonderful musicians working together – without a conductor – and to hear works we’ve never presented before.”

With its box office setting records since it opened at the end of March, and with performances already close to selling out, the 2008 Festival promises to be one of summer's hottest tickets. More than 200 musicians from three continents will perform in over 50 concerts.

Highlights also include: performances by Trinity College Choir (Cambridge University, UK); the Piano Gala; the Violin Virtuoso; the Gryphon Trio performing all six Beethoven piano trios; the Elmer Isler Singers, the Bach Children's Chorus and Anagnoson & Kinton in Carmina Burana; A Night of Grand Opera featuring Leslie Fagan (soprano) and Mark DuBois (tenor); Sunset on the Bay Musical Cruises aboard the Island Queen; and the Jazz Canada Weekend (August 2 – 4) featuring Peter Appleyard, Phil Nimmons and David Braid.

The Festival of the Sound offers morning, noon, afternoon and evening concerts, as well as free lectures, talks and family concerts, as well as a Canada Day cruise (with fireworks) featuring Shores of Newfoundland.

In a special pre-season concert, Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra will perform at the Charles W. Stockey Centre on Friday, June 27th at 7:30 p.m.

It's a music lover's paradise on Georgian Bay this summer – simply the place to be for classical fans everywhere.

For full concert listings and ticket information visit [www.festivalofthesound.ca](http://www.festivalofthesound.ca) or contact the box office at 1-866-364-0061.

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