

News Release

Oberlin Faculty Musicians to Perform in Chagrin Falls on February 19 **“Chagrin Arts” Series Continues with Concert Featuring Artists from the Conservatory of Music**

January 28, 2008 – Chagrin Falls, Ohio – The Chagrin Foundation for Arts & Culture presents “Artists from Oberlin: Darrett Adkins and Friends,” the second program of its “Chagrin Arts” winter series, on Tuesday, February 19, 2008. Featuring faculty musicians from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, the concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church of Chagrin Falls, 20 South Franklin Street. The program includes the beloved String Quintet in C Major by Franz Schubert, Beethoven’s Sonata No. 1 in C Major, Op. 102 for cello and piano, and Six Pieces for Solo Cello by Roger Sessions.

The program has been conceived and coordinated by Darrett Adkins, Oberlin faculty member and one of America’s foremost cellists. Joining him will be fellow Oberlin faculty musicians David Bowlin and Marilyn McDonald on violin, violist Karen Ritscher, Peter Takacs on piano, and cellist Amir Eldan.

Mr. Adkins is a Juilliard-trained musician whose repertoire includes classical to contemporary genres. His many accomplishments include debuting Samuel Barber’s Concerto for Cello with the Orchestra of St. Lukes at Alice Tully Hall in New York and Pierre Boulez’ *Messagesquise* in Aspen; serving as the Cellist of Honor at the Rio de Janeiro International Cello Encounter; receiving the Cultural Arts Grant from the American Scandinavian Society; giving the American premiere of Andrew Mead’s Cello Concerto and the first New York performance of Luciano Berio’s *Sequenza XIV*; and helping to create and premiere the new dramatic work, *Schubert’s Songbook*, for Red {an orchestra} in Cleveland. Since 1998, Mr. Adkins has been a member of the Zephyr Trio featuring Lady Jeanne Galway and Jonathan Feldman, which tours the U.S. regularly and recently performed the world premiere of Lowell Lieberman’s Piano Trio. Mr. Adkins has been on the faculty of Juilliard School since 1995, and joined the faculties of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music at Oberlin College and the Aspen Music Festival and School in 2003.

“The Chagrin Foundation for Arts & Culture is pleased to present the Chagrin Valley debut of these distinguished performers as part of our ‘Chagrin Arts’ winter series. We are delighted to showcase renowned artists and talent from throughout the region while building a vibrant arts and entertainment district in Chagrin Falls,” notes Christina Thoburn, Executive Director of the Foundation.

Tickets for “Artists from Oberlin: Darrett Adkins and Friends” may be purchased through the Chagrin Valley Little Theatre box office at 440-247-8955; online at www.cvl.org; or in person, Monday through Saturday from 1-6 p.m., at 40 River Street. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$10 for students. A discount of 10% is offered for the purchase of six or more tickets in any combination for any programs in the “Chagrin Arts” series.

Other “Chagrin Arts” Programming

The series finale on Tuesday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the newly-opened Performing Arts Center of Chagrin Falls High School features a performance by GroundWorks Dancetheater. Hailed as one of “25 to watch” nationally by *Dance Magazine*, GroundWorks performs “Latitude” by Artistic Director David Shimotakahara with live music accompaniment by Hal Walker, the virtual one man band from Kent Ohio; a new work by Artistic Associate Amy Miller; and the ever-popular “Always” by New York guest artist Gina Gibney, set to the music of vocal legend Patsy Cline. Tickets are \$18/adults and \$10/students.

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Attachment1: Darrett Adkins, Biography

Attachment2/3: Darrett Adkins, Photo2 and Photo3 (Photo Credit: Wendy Stulberg)

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