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## **THE AMERICAN CLASSICAL ORCHESTRA CELEBRATES ITS SILVER ANNIVERSARY**

### **2009 – 2010 SEASON FEATURES VLADIMIR FELTSMAN OPENING NIGHT**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** The American Classical Orchestra, directed by Thomas Crawford, celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during the 2009 – 2010 season. Founded by Mr. Crawford in 1985, the ACO performs classical music on authentic period instruments, specializing in repertoire from the 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. The orchestra works to render music faithful to the Baroque, Classical, and early Romantic eras, and during its anniversary season will perform works by Haydn, Beethoven, Mozart, and Bach.

The season's four concerts begin at 8:00 p.m. and are all preceded by lectures on the concert, given by Mr. Crawford at 7:00 p.m. The performances, held in four different venues, include:

- **OPENING NIGHT:** pianist **Vladimir Feltsman** plays Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 27, on his own fortepiano, coupled with the ACO performing Beethoven's Symphony No. 7. The concert takes place at the new Alice Tully Hall on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **AS THE MASTERS HEARD IT: Stephanie Chase** is soloist in Beethoven's Romanze in F for Violin and Orchestra. Also on the program are Mozart's Symphony No. 41 "Jupiter", and Haydn's Symphony No. 101 "The Clock". The concert takes place on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at the New York Society for Ethical Culture.
- **ALL-BACH PROGRAM:** Café L'Amour, an all-Bach program, includes the Coffee Cantata, Concerto for Three Harpsichords, and Concerto for Two Violins, and will be held at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, February 24, 2010.
- **BEETHOVEN'S NINTH:** A concert of huge proportions at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the ACO is joined by the Cathedral Choir, and the Choirs of Trinity New Haven & Trinity Princeton. The program includes Handel's Coronation Anthems and takes place Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

In honor of its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the orchestra will be offering members an exclusive Silver Anniversary Society membership option, which will include all four concerts and a private Salon Event. Tickets can be purchased through the website at [www.aconyc.org](http://www.aconyc.org).