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**GRAMMY AWARD WINNING ARTIST LAWRENCE DUTTON
AND JOHN PATITUCCI TO PERFORM
“THE RAPUROUS VOICE OF CHAMBER MUSIC”
AT CONCORDIA CONSERVATORY’S ANNUAL BENEFIT GALA JANUARY 26**

Bronxville, NY – Concordia Conservatory and Music at Concordia present “*The Rapurous Voice of Chamber Music*,” as part of the Hoch Chamber Music Series with violist Lawrence Dutton of the Emerson String Quartet, world-renown jazz bassist John Patitucci, Metropolitan Opera soprano Wendy Nielsen, nationally acclaimed cabaret singer, Sara Zahn, Concordia Conservatory faculty violinist Jee Sun Lee, pianist Marija Ilic, and violist Kathryn Lockwood, along with guest artists violinist Elizabeth Lim-Dutton, cellist Sachi Patitucci and pianist Allan Kaskin on Saturday, January 26, 2008 at 6:00 PM at the Sommer Center for Worship and Performing Arts at Concordia College.

The program includes Hindemith’s Viola Sonata Opus 11 No. 4, a world premiere by John Patitucci: *Lyric Suite for String Quintet and Viola*, songs of the moon and evening by Fauré, Tchaikovsky, Poulenc, Schumann, and Dvorak and cabaret songs by Styne and Bernstein.

Hailed by critics as a “poet violist” (New Yorker), world-renowned **Lawrence Dutton** has earned distinction as a recitalist, soloist with orchestra, chamber musician, recording artist, and teacher of viola. As violist of the world-famous Emerson String Quartet, which became the first chamber ensemble to receive the Avery Fisher Prize in 2004, Mr. Dutton performs more than 100 concerts each season throughout the United States and abroad. He is a Professor of Viola and Chamber Music at the State University of New York at Stony Brook and the Manhattan School of Music. Mr. Dutton is a Concordia College neighbor, residing in Bronxville with his wife and their sons. He is a brilliant, intense, and charismatic artist as well as an intriguing person who brings the tremendous commitment of his discipline and dedication to each performance.

John Patitucci has been at the forefront of the jazz world for the last 20 years and active in all styles of music. He is a three-time Grammy Award winner and has been nominated more than 13 times and has played on many Grammy Award-winning recordings. Mr. Patitucci is a Professor of Music in jazz studies at City College taking over for Ron Carter, after the legendary jazz bassist, retired.

Canadian soprano **Wendy Nielsen**’s 2007/08 season includes a return to the Metropolitan Opera for the Countess in *Le Nozze di Figaro* and Donna Elvira in *Don Giovanni* at Opera Lyra Ottawa. Recent highlights include appearances with the Milwaukee Symphony, Pacific Symphony, Warsaw Philharmonic, and the Edmonton Symphony. Other orchestral appearances include the New York Philharmonic, Lucerne Festival, Chinese Philharmonic Orchestra, Budapest Festival Orchestra, and the Prague Chamber Orchestra. Ms. Nielsen has a long history with the Metropolitan Opera, where she debuted as Fiordiligi in *Così fan tutte* and has sung Micaela in *Carmen*, and Donna Elvira in *Don Giovanni* and the Countess in *Le Nozze di Figaro*. A signature role, her Countess has been heard in Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Toronto, Calgary, Tulsa, Ottawa, and with the Minnesota Orchestra. She

has sung both Donna Anna and Donna Elvira in *Don Giovanni* in Boston, Philadelphia, Minnesota, Edmonton, Tulsa; and Fiordiligi with the Florida Grand Opera.

Sara Zahn is a singer/songwriter whose work for television, film and records, has been heard in the United States and internationally for more than 25 years. Her cabaret club roster included engagements at some of the most popular spots in New York: Rainbow and Stars, The Russian Tea Room, Michael's Pub, The Ballroom and Maxime's.

Tickets for the concert are \$25 adult and \$15 senior/child. For information, please call the Conservatory office at 914-395-4507 or by e-mail at MaryBeth.Stewart@concordia-ny.edu. The concert will be followed at 8:00 PM by a Gala Benefit Dinner and Dance "Ten Years and Beyond" honoring Kathleen Suss on her tenth anniversary as Director of Concordia Conservatory. The benefit dinner-dance will take place at the Siwanoy County Club in Bronxville. Tickets for the gala concert and dinner-dance are \$175 per person.

Concordia Conservatory's mission is to inspire, instruct and enrich lives through music for all people regardless of age, ability, ethnic origin or financial situation and to serve as a musical education resource for the southern Westchester County community.