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6TH INTERNATIONAL HUGO KAUDER COMPETITION For String Quartets

Classical Music Competition and Winners Concert in New Haven on June 11 and 12, 2010

New Haven, CT, April 26, 2010 – The Hugo Kauder Society is pleased to present its 6th annual International Hugo Kauder Competition in New Haven, Connecticut. Five string quartets (with musicians aged under 35) have been selected to perform in front of a live jury. The groups are the Hausmann Quartet from San Francisco, the Linden String Quartet and the Azalea Quartet, both from Ohio, the Bryant Park Quartet from New York, and the Amphion String Quartet from New Haven (pictured left to right, below). They will compete for first, second and third place and cash prizes by performing classical music pieces composed by Hugo Kauder, as well as a selection of Classical, Romantic, and Contemporary works. The first prize winner will also receive a concert opportunity in New York City.

The distinguished Competition judges are Nicholas Eanet, first violinist of the Juilliard String Quartet, Ettore Causa, professor of viola at Yale University, and Jeffrey Zeigler, cellist of the Kronos Quartet. The Competition will be held at Yale University's Sprague Memorial Hall, 470 College Street, New Haven, on June 11th, from 10AM to 4PM. The Winners Concert follows on Saturday, June 12th, 2PM to 4PM, also at Sprague Hall. This year's program is dedicated to the memory of Siegmund Levarie (1914-2010), distinguished musicologist and life-long friend and colleague of Hugo Kauder. Levarie was a founding member of the Hugo Kauder Society.

The Hugo Kauder Society's mission is to foster awareness and appreciation of the work of Viennese composer Hugo Kauder (1888-1972), to create opportunities for emerging musicians to gain wider exposure, and to provide audiences with the unique opportunity to encounter Kauder premieres. Hugo Kauder came to the United States as a refugee in 1940, and many of his works have not yet been performed publicly in the U.S. Several pieces performed in this Competition will be world or U.S. premieres.

The public is invited to attend the Competition, which is free, as well as the Winners Concert (suggested contribution \$10). A silent auction for music lovers will take place on site.

For biographies and photos of the judges and the participating musicians please visit www.hugokauder.org, and for more information please contact rona@hugokauder.org.

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