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PRESS RELEASE

KITCHENER, Ontario – the **Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony** (KWS) under the direction of guest conductor **James Judd** proudly presents their 4th Signature Series concert featuring the music of **Tchaikovsky and Elgar**. Headlining the evening is rising star **Stefan Jackiw** with his interpretation of **Tchaikovsky's** incredible **violin concerto**. The performance takes place at the Centre In The Square in Kitchener, on January 29 & 30, 2010 at 8PM, and at the River Run Centre in Guelph on January 31 starting at 2PM.

Stefan Jackiw is a 24-year-old violinist whose talent was described as “off the scale” by the Washington Post. Born in Boston to Korean and Polish physicists, he began to learn the violin at 4. His playing is recognized as much for its simplicity and honesty as it is for its virtuosic technical displays. One of the most significant artists of his generation, Jackiw has performed to acclaim in concerts worldwide.

English conductor **James Judd** is a world-renown expert on the music of **Edward Elgar** (1857-1934), and one of Britain's most prolific conductors. Judd returns to Kitchener to lead the KWS in a performance of Elgar's **Froissart**, Russian composer **Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's** (1840-1893) **Violin Concerto in D major**, arguably the most famous violin concerto in music history, and **Ralph Vaughan Williams'** (1872-1958) **Symphony No. 5**.

This concert provides an opportunity to hear an extraordinarily talented young soloist play one of the most exciting concertos in the literature, bookended by beautiful and expressive works by two of England's best composers.

The Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony enhances the quality of life in the communities which it engages and is one of the most valued cultural gems for our region. Consisting of 52 full time musicians, a nationally recognized Youth Orchestra, and performing over 60 concerts per season, Canada's largest

regional Symphony plays a vital role to continue the tradition of presenting great music to audiences across the region and beyond. For more information visit us online at www.kwsymphony.ca.

At a Glance...

Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony (Signature Series 4)

TCHAIKOVSKY AND ELGAR

James Judd, conductor

Stefan Jackiw, violin

Elgar: *Froissart*

Tchaikovsky: Concerto No.2 in D for Violin and Orchestra

Vaughan Williams: Symphony No. 5

Friday, January 29, 2010 – 8:00PM CITS

Saturday, January 30, 2010 – 8:00PM CITS

Sunday, January 31, 2010 – 2:00PM RRC

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Tickets start at \$20.