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**MEDIA ALERT -- First 2010 HOUSE CONCERT AT CAC:
Pianist Joe Chapman Performing Chopin and Schumann**

Douglasville, Georgia – The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County is pleased to present the first chamber concert of its annual Kinna Chamber Concerts series, named in memory of musician and artist Jeanne Kinna. On February 13th, pianist Joe Chapman will celebrate the 200th anniversary of Chopin's birthday performing works by the 19th century French composer and by Robert Schumann whose bicentennial is also this year, from 7 until 9 p.m. at the Cultural Arts Center in Douglasville. The performance will be followed by an informal reception in honor of our outstanding performer. Seating is limited, so reservations are recommended (770/949-2787). Tickets are \$15 for the general public; \$12 for CAC members. Patrons purchasing season tickets for all three of the 2010 concerts will receive an extra ticket for a guest at the concert of their choice.

Dr. Joe Chapman has performed in the United States and eight foreign countries as conductor, accompanist, vocalist, and instrumentalist. He has presented numerous solo piano recitals in Georgia and throughout the southeast, including programs for public radio and television. Beyond his expertise at the keyboard, Dr. Chapman is also active as an arranger and composer. His music has often been performed by church choirs, community ensembles, and school choruses and bands from elementary schools to universities in North America, Europe, and Africa.

As Professor of Music at North Georgia College & State University for twenty-five years, Dr. Chapman has acquired an eclectic mix of responsibilities. Not only does he teach piano and music theory, but he also serves as director of both the NGCSU Orchestra and the university's premier bluegrass ensemble, "The New Crown Mountain Boys." He is also the founder and coordinator of his university's annual All-American Piano Celebration, which has brought hundreds of talented young pianists to its Dahlonega campus, promoting the live performance of works by American composers since 1988. A graduate of the University of South Carolina with his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in piano performance, he has served the music profession in a variety of capacities including a term as president of the Georgia Music Teachers Association.

The 2010 Kinna Chamber Concert series is also planned to include a string ensemble from Charleston, South Carolina, performing on March 13th, and a performance by Douglas County-based George Mann on April 10th.

The Cultural Arts Center is located at 8652 Campbellton Street in historic downtown Douglasville, Georgia, about 20 miles from Atlanta and just off I-20 (exit 36 – Chapel Hill). The Cultural Arts Council is supported in part by the City of Douglasville, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, the Georgia Council for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes a great nation deserves great art. For detailed directions and more information, please contact the Cultural Arts Council at 770/949-2787 or visit our web site --- www.artsdouglas.org.

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