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**MEDIA ALERT -- Second 2010 HOUSE CONCERT AT CAC:
Poulenc String Quartet Performing Mozart, Dvorak and Brahms**

Douglasville, Georgia – The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County is pleased to present the second chamber concert of its 2010 Kinna Chamber Concerts series. On March 13th, the Poulenc String Quartet will perform Mozart's *Eine Kleine Nachmusik*, Dvorak's String Quartet #12 in F Major (the "American"), and two of Brahms' Hungarian dances, 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 performers. Seating is limited, so reservations are recommended (770.949.2787). Tickets are \$15 for the general public; \$12 for CAC members.

Founded in 1994, the Poulenc String Quartet performed works by Hispanic composers during the 2007 Kinna Chamber Concerts series. The quartet's founder and violinist, VENUS PARKER was born in San Pedro Sula, Honduras and studied her first five years of music performance at the Victoriano School of Music there. Ms. Parker holds a Bachelor's degree in Music Performance from the University of Southern Mississippi and a Masters Degree in Violin Performance from Georgia State University. She has performed with Ray Charles, The Moody Blues, Barry White, The Atlanta Ballet and symphony orchestras including the Pensacola Symphony and The Atlanta Pops Orchestra. Cellist STEPHANIE DICKERSON attended The Julliard Preparatory School of Music and studied cello at The Julliard School of Music with Joel Krosnick of the Julliard String Quartet and Channing Robbins. She played principal cello with the New York City Opera Touring Company for several years and also worked with many other New York area orchestras before leaving Manhattan to become the assistant principal cellist with the Sacramento Symphony, the Ballet and the Opera. Ms. Dickerson played in California for 15 years until moving to Georgia where she now teaches orchestra in Gwinnett County. Violinist and conductor NORMAN BERNAL was born in Lima, Peru. He studied violin at the National Conservatory of Lima. He attended Southern College in Tennessee, Andrews University in Michigan and Ball State University in Indiana. Mr. Bernal has taught at Pacific Union College in California and at Gwinnett County Public Schools. He has conducted in Europe, Russia, South America, and the U.S.. He was the orchestra director of the Governor's Honors Program for ten years and also was Concertmaster of the Gainesville Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Bernal is the music director and conductor of the DaSalo Solisti Chamber Orchestra and the Oak Hill Symphony Orchestra at Berry College. The newest member of the quartet, violist SCOTT HAGUE works for the Gwinnett County Public Schools as an orchestra director. He received a Bachelors Degree in Music Education from Florida State University. He has a Masters Degree in Music Education from the University of Georgia.

The 2010 Kinna Chamber Concert series will conclude with a performance by one of community's most popular classical musicians, Douglas County-based George Mann on Saturday, 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.