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**2009 HOUSE CONCERT SERIES AT CAC:
The Kinna Chamber Concerts, January – April 2009**

Douglasville, Georgia – The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County is pleased to present its annual series of chamber concerts at the Cultural Arts Center on second Saturday evenings in January, February, March and April 2009. The Kinna Chamber Concerts series, named in memory of Douglas County musician and artist Jeanne Kinna, celebrates the 300th anniversary of the invention of the piano with pianist JOE CHAPMAN on January 10th, pianist CASSANDRIA HANNA on February 14th, pianist GEORGE MANN on March 14th, and pianist and composer and songwriter STANTON LANIER on April 11th. Performances begin at 7 p.m. and are followed by a reception in honor of the musicians.

“This is our fourth year of presenting the popular Kinna Classic Chamber Concerts series,” said CAC Director Laura C. Lieberman. “In 2006 we lost a local legend Jeanne Kinna, and we hope her creative spirit lives on in these concerts at the Cultural Arts Center where she charmed listeners for so many years with her performances. Organized by George Mann, the 2009 Kinna concerts present outstanding Georgia pianists who will celebrate the invention of their instrument 300 years ago with programs which should appeal to music lovers, students, teachers and the general public.”

The first concert in January 2009 features pianist JOE CHAPMAN who performed Gershwin and American jazz standards in earlier Kinna series to enthusiastic audiences. This multifaceted musician and fine arts educator will perform music composed for the piano from its very beginning in 1609 until today in a season opener no music lover will want to miss! Dr. Joe Chapman has presented solo piano recitals in Georgia and throughout the Southeast including performances for public radio and television. He has toured the United States and abroad as conductor, accompanist and soloist. He is also active as an arranger and composer. His musical arrangements have been performed by southeastern elementary, middle, high school and college choirs and bands. He is now completing a comprehensive college music theory text with computer-generated aural exercises. A Professor of Music at North Georgia College & State University, Dr. Chapman is the Director of Keyboard Studies and coordinator of the NGCSU All American Piano Celebration. He received his Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in piano performance from the University of South Carolina in August, 1987. He has served the music profession in a variety of capacities including as president of the Georgia Music Teachers Association.

2009 Kinna Classic Chamber Concerts Celebrating 300 Years of the Piano

CASSANDRIA HANNA offers a very special valentine to classical music aficionados with her February 14th performance. A recent arrival to Douglas County from South Florida, Miami native Ms. Hanna is the daughter of noted violinist William Hanna. Her debut recital at age 8 was followed by a career of performances with the Miami Symphony Orchestra and recitals throughout South Florida, at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and abroad as well as on radio and television. With degrees from St. Augustine's College and University of Miami, she chaired the Keyboard Division of the Performing Arts Department of Miami-Dade College for many years. Known as a versatile musician with a rich repertory including contemporary American and Hispanic works, Ms. Hanna is a welcome addition to the classical music scene here.

In March Kinna Chamber series coordinator and the music director of St. Julian's Episcopal Church in Douglasville, GEORGE MANN will perform. One of West Georgia's best loved musicians and teachers, Mann is a graduate of the College-Conservatory of Music of the University of Cincinnati and retired from the University of West Georgia. He also taught at LaGrange and Berry Colleges, and currently teaches privately in Lithia Springs. He has performed widely as a solo recitalist, accompanist and chamber music participant. A recipient of lifetime achievement awards from the Music Teachers National Association and the Georgia Music Teachers Association he won a composition competition for a congregational mass celebrating the centennial of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta last year and his mass was sung at the closing ceremony at the Cathedral of St. Philip's.

The final concert in April features Wyndham Hill recording artist and composer STANTON LANIER. After three successful self-produced albums, Stanton recorded "The Voice" (2005) with Will Ackerman, founder of Windham Hill Records. His song, "Peace," is a #1 listener favorite on the Music Choice "Soundscapes" cable channel. In January 2008 his fifth and highly acclaimed album, "Unveiled," debuted at #3 on radio with many of his most powerful compositions. Atlanta-based Stanton began playing piano in Chapel Hill, North Carolina at the age of six and wrote his first song at age fourteen. In 2004 Stanton founded Music to Light the World, a non-profit organization with a vision to "bring peace to the soul" through donating performances and CDs to cancer patients, hospitals, inner city ministries and schools.

The 2009 Kinna Classic Chamber Concert Series subscriptions are \$45 per person for all four concerts; tickets to individual concerts will be \$15 (\$12 for CAC members). Seating is limited, so reservations are recommended. Please call the Cultural Arts Council at 770.949.2787.

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). Hours are Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 1 until 5 p.m. The Cultural Arts Council is supported by the City of Douglasville, Douglas County Board of Commissioners, 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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CALENDAR LISTINGS: CLASSICAL MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

- TITLE:** 2009 KINNA CHAMBER SERIES celebrating the 300th anniversary of the piano with Pianists Joe Chapman, Cassandra Hanna, George Mann & Stanton Lanier
- PLACE:** The Cultural Arts Center of Douglasville / Douglas County
8852 Campbellton Street
Douglasville, Georgia 30134
- DATE:** Saturday, January 10th - a 300-year history of works for piano performed by Joe Chapman
Saturday, February 14th - contemporary American and Hispanic works with Cassandra Hanna
Saturday, March 14th - early 20th century and classical compositions performed by George Mann
Saturday, April 11th - original compositions by Wyndham Hill's pianist for peace Stanton Lanier
- TIME:** 7 until 9 p.m.
- COST:** \$15 for the general public; \$12 for CAC members per concert
\$45 for series subscriptions to all four performances
- CONTACT:** Laura C. Lieberman, 770-949-2787