



Charleston Symphony Orchestra Announces Series Sponsors

Charleston, SC – The Charleston Symphony Orchestra (CSO) is pleased to announce its title sponsors for both the Masterworks and Charleston Pops series.

Merrill Lynch has committed to a three-year title sponsorship of the re-named, Merrill Lynch Masterworks Series. The CSO is proud to be partners with such a respected and established financial organization. Both organizations are excited about the milestones that will be celebrated during this three-year commitment. This first year, the 2008-2009 season, marks the 25th Anniversary Season of our Maestro, David Stahl. The third year of Merrill Lynch's sponsorship, the 2010-2011 season marks the 75th Anniversary of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra. Anthony Bland, Director - Southeast Coastal Complex of Merrill Lynch said "Merrill Lynch is excited to help present the Charleston Symphony's Masterworks Series for the 2008 – 2009 season. It is a privilege for us to partner with one of Charleston's most important arts institutions".

The Merrill Lynch Masterworks 2008-2009 season, conducted by Maestro David Stahl opens on Saturday, September 27, 2008 at 7pm in the Gaillard Municipal Auditorium, located at 77 Calhoun Street.

McCrary's, a renowned culinary institution of the Charleston community, has committed to a three-year title sponsorship of the McCrary's Charleston Pops Concert Series. The CSO is delighted to be recognized by McCrary's for its high artistic quality and to have the support of such an integral member of the Charleston business community. David Howard, Operating Partner from McCrary's says, "McCrary's ownership is deeply committed to their community and cannot imagine Charleston with all of its arts, history and culture not having an orchestra. We strongly encourage other businesses to jump in and join us to ensure the long-term well being of the CSO. We are excited by the high quality of programming that will be featured during this year's McCrary's Charleston Pops Series!"

This year's McCrary's Charleston Pops season is sure to excite audiences with various guest artists including a return visit from The Magic Circle Mime Company. The McCrary's Charleston Pops series, conducted by Resident Conductor Scott Terrell, opens on Saturday, October 11, 2008 at 8pm in the Gaillard Municipal Auditorium, located at 77 Calhoun Street.

In addition, McCrary's will continue offering its courtesy Black Cab service to and from the Gaillard Municipal Auditorium for people interested in parking by the Gaillard and having a pre-performance meal at the restaurant. To take advantage of this service, please tell McCrary's you

would like to use the courtesy Black Cab service when calling to make your pre-performance dinner reservations.

The CSO looks forward to a strong, stable and artistically invigorating three years for both the Merrill Lynch Masterworks and the McCrady's Charleston Pops Series.

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