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BCPAC Presents Violin-Piano Duo Featuring Work of Local Composer **March 12, 2006**

On Sunday, March 12, at 3 p.m., the Bucks County Performing Arts Center will feature the internationally recognized duo of Israel Chorberg, violin, and Tamara Kezerov, piano. They will present a program of works spanning 3 centuries, including the premier of a new sonata by Lower Makefield composer, Martin Stepper.

Violinist Israel Chorberg was born in Montevideo, Uruguay where he received his music education. After winning First Prize in the Uruguayan Soloist Competition, he was invited to study at the Tchaikovsky Conservatory in Moscow, becoming the first Latin American violinist to study on scholarship in the Soviet Union. In 1966, upon arrival in the United States, he auditioned for Leopold Stokowski, who immediately hired him as Assistant Concertmaster of the Philadelphia Orchestra. Since then he has frequently performed internationally, including being soloist for Sol Hurok, the American Ballet Orchestra, and ballet companies performing at the Metropolitan Opera.

Pianist Tamara Kezerov, also Uruguayan born, has been acclaimed by critics in Europe, North and South America for her "solid technique, natural talent, and deep musical sensitivity". Her recording of the Chopin Second Concerto was praised by BBC Music Magazine, Fanfare, and Classic CD critic Ian Lace as being a "romantic and poetic performance, thoughtfully punctuated and accented...and beautifully phrased". Other critics have echoed these comments noting her blending of energy, elegance, and sensitivity. She performs internationally in solo recitals, as soloist with orchestra, and with chamber music ensembles.

The program will include sonatas by Pergolesi, Mozart, Schumann, and Stepper. The Stepper Sonata was completed in 2004. It is in 3 movements, thematically connected, and embodies an overall progression of moods dealing with personal loss, reconciliation, and acceptance. Mr. Stepper received full scholarship degrees in Composition from Syracuse University and the esteemed Curtis Institute of Music, studying with Earl George, Myron Fink (pupils of Martinu and Castelnuovo-Tedesco), Robert Levin, and piano with proteges of Emil Sauer and Rudolf Serkin. He has been on the faculties of Hunter College and William Paterson University and currently teaches in the Yardley-Newtown area.

Artist-of-the Month, Sandra Scicchitani, is influenced by elements that are rooted in her love of shapes and colors found in the natural world. She has been inspired by the experience of a striking landscape as it is seen shaped against the vastness of the sky or by the physical appearance of plant and animal forms seen in her garden, in the woods or along the shore. Her overall interest is not to render a specific illustration of a place or thing but rather to create a visual expression that parallels the encounters with nature that give rise to the human spirit.

Tickets for the performance are \$12 General Admission. Adults over 62 and Students \$10; Children under 12 \$5. For more information, call BCPAC office at 215-493-3010. The auditorium is wheelchair accessible and parking is free

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