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### BUCKS COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (BCPAC) HERALDS IN 29<sup>th</sup> SEASON WITH SPECIAL CONCERT ON OCTOBER 8

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-----Yardley, PA, September 15, 2006

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The internationally recognized Wister Quartet will partner with Philadelphia Orchestra first chair clarinetist, **Ricardo Morales**, to bring the area a top-notch program of musical masterpieces. Scheduled for Sunday, October 8 at **2:00 P.M.** in the **Yardley Community Center**, the program will include the always popular "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" of Mozart (now in his 250<sup>th</sup> year!), the String Quartet by Pa. native Samuel Barber (his famous "Adagio" is the centerpiece of this work), and the autumnally beautiful Clarinet Quintet by the great Johannes Brahms. To add to this splendid concert, artwork by local artist, Robert J. McCartney, will be on display.

Since its formation in 1987, the **Wister Quartet** has earned high praise from critics and audiences alike for its superb musicianship and memorable performances, including those with guest artists Emanuel Ax, Alicia de Larrocha, Christoph Eschenbach, Wolfgang Sawallisch and Yo-Yo Ma.

In addition to concerts in Europe and China, the Quartet performs widely in the Philadelphia region, including concerts at Arcadia, Haverford and Swarthmore Universities and Gettysburg College. It appears regularly in concert series presented by The Philadelphia Orchestra, The German Society of Pennsylvania, The Chamber Music Society of Bethlehem, the Glencairn Museum, and the Renaissance Musical Arts series in Albany, New York. The Wister Quartet makes summertime appearances at Music at Gretna, the Lenape Chamber Players Gala Concerts in Doylestown, Concerts by Candlelight at the Laurel Hill Mansion in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park, and the Chamber Series at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center. The Quartet has recorded for Direct-to-Tape Records; its first CD was nominated for a Grammy. It is the core group of the popular Philadelphia chamber ensemble, 1807 & Friends, which performs at Philadelphia's Academy of Vocal Arts. 1807 & Friends' recent recording on the Direct-to-Tape label, "The Philadelphia Connection", features the Wister Quartet's highly acclaimed performance of the Barber String Quartet.

**Ricardo Morales** joined The Philadelphia Orchestra as principal clarinet in 2003. Prior to this, he was principal clarinet of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, a position he assumed at the age of 21. Mr. Morales has appeared as soloist with such orchestras as the Chicago Symphony, the Cincinnati Symphony, the Indianapolis Symphony and the Flemish Radio Symphony. He made his Philadelphia Orchestra solo debut at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center in 2004 with Charles Dutoit. Mr. Morales has soloed with the MET Orchestra under the baton of James Levine in Carnegie Hall and on two European tours and has also performed in the MET Chamber

Ensemble series at Carnegie Hall's Weill Hall, performing with Mr. Levine at the piano. Mr. Morales has performed at the Kennedy Center, on the Metropolitan Museum of Art Concert Series, with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, and on NBC's The Today Show. Hailed by the New York Times as having "... fleet technique, utterly natural musical grace, and the lyricism and breath control of a fine opera singer," Mr. Morales was again recognized in a recent New York Times review of the Metropolitan Opera production of Berlioz's Les Troyens, where his playing was singled out as "exquisite" and that he "deserved a place onstage during curtain calls."

**Artist-for-the-Month** Robert McCartney is a Kodak International Newspaper Snapshot Award (KINSA) photographer. His specialty is flower and travel photography. His many photographs can produce table books on: United States, Europe, National Parks, trees, landscapes, architecture, history reenactments, cultural events, and other topics. Mr. McCartney has displayed and sold his photography at Stover Mill Gallery, Bristol Riverside Theater, Gloria Dei Art Gallery, and the Mount Washington Art Gallery in New Hampshire. He was featured in the Lower Bucks Community Channel program "The Photographer's Eye".

Tickets are available for \$12, \$10 for seniors, \$8 for students and \$5 for children under 5. Students bringing an adult will be admitted free. We are also offering subscription packages this year at even further reduced rates. For more information, go on our website ([www.bcpac.org](http://www.bcpac.org)) or call our office: 215-493-3010.

BCPAC is a registered non-profit organization based in Lower Makefield Township. Its mission is devoted to the creation of community through the arts.

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