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SUPERSTAR MIDORI DEBUTS WITH EASTERN FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

Greensboro, NC- Famed violinist, Midori will perform with the Eastern Festival Orchestra **Saturday, July 5, 2008 at 8pm** in the **Dana Auditorium of Guilford College (5800 West Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27410)**. Made possible through the generous support of Lincoln Financial Group, the program will include works by Brahms, Sawyers and Sibelius. The concert will be preceded by a free lecture, *Musically Speaking*, at **7pm in the Moon Room of the Dana Auditorium**. Presented by musicologist Dr. Greg Carroll, this discussion explores the history of the evening's repertoire and composers. Concert tickets may be purchased from \$47 at 866-579-TIXX, from the Box Office at Triad Stage or online at www.EasternMusicFestival.org.

The violinist Midori made her historic debut at the age of 11 when she was introduced as a surprise guest artist by conductor Zubin Mehta at the New York Philharmonic's annual New Year's Eve concert in 1982. Since that night over 20 years ago, she has established a record of achievement which sets her apart as a master musician, an innovator, and a champion of the developmental potential of children. Midori's performing schedule is balanced between recitals, chamber music performances and appearances with the world's most prestigious orchestras. Highlights of her 2006-2007 season include the world premiere of a major new work for violin and piano she commissioned by Einojuhani Rautavaara, performances of John Adams' violin concerto under the direction of the composer, and scores of concerto and recital appearances throughout the U.S., Europe, Australia, and Japan. In 1992, Midori founded Midori & Friends, a non-profit organization in New York which brings music education programs to thousands of underprivileged children each year. Her commitment to community collaboration and outreach extends beyond these organizations to her work with young violinists in master classes all over

the world, and to her positions as Jascha Heifetz Chair at USC's Thornton School of Music and co-director of the Midori Centre for Community Engagement at USC.

The Eastern Festival Orchestra, the festival's resident professional orchestra, is comprised of outstanding professional musicians from around the country. Currently entering its 47th season, the Eastern Music Festival will feature 100 concerts over its 5-week duration, with distinguished guest artists to include Midori, André Watts, Cecile Licad, Xavier Phillips, Elmar Oliveira and many others. The Festival also produces a popular fringe series of alternative programming, featuring everything from Americana to alt country, blues, jazz and gospel.

The 2008 season is sponsored in part by the United Arts Council of Greater Greensboro, the North Carolina Arts Council, WFDD Triad Arts Station, Greensboro's News and Record, Continental Airways, and Piedmont Music Center (Steinway Pianos).

Tickets: Triad Stage Box Office 336.272.0160 or 866.579.TIXX or www.easternmusicfestival.org.

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