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Rachel Barton Pine will be a special guest on 88.7 KCME-FM

September 12, 2008 - Colorado Springs, CO: Tune in to 88.7 KCME-FM on Sunday, September 21, 2008 at 5:30pm to hear a special *Classics for Kids* program that will include acclaimed American violinist Rachel Barton Pine.

Rachel was three years old when her passion for the violin was first realized. She made her earliest appearances with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at age 10 and won numerous national and international competitions while still in her teens. It is no wonder that today, as an accomplished, world-renowned violinist, Rachel Barton Pine cares deeply about classical music education for the next generation.

The September 21 *Classics for Kids* program theme is "What is a Concerto?" KCME Announcer Michael Campion will talk with Pine about what a concerto is, and Pine will treat listeners to excerpts of the two concerti that appear on her new CD, *Beethoven & Clement Violin Concertos* (released on September 9, 2008), live in the studio. Listeners should also be ready for an encore that will bring the house down.

Pine is committed to encouraging the next generation to experience the transformative power of the arts. She is President of the Rachel Elizabeth Barton Foundation, which assists young artists through various projects including the Instrument Loan Program, Grants for Education and Career, Global HeartStrings (supporting classical musicians in developing countries), and The String Students' Library of Music by Black Composers. Since 1997, she has been an instructor at Mark O'Connor's Fiddle Camp and often coaches chamber music and youth orchestras, gives master classes and adjudicates music competitions. She works to expand awareness of and appreciation for classical music through special programs for children and spoken program notes or pre-concert conversations. She often reaches out to new audiences through performances in rock clubs and on rock music radio stations, and also maintains a weekly blog, podcast, and video channel which may be accessed through her website www.rachelbartonpine.com. In 2007, she received the prestigious Studs Terkel Humanities Service Awards for her work in music education.

Pine contacted Campion in advance of her visit to Colorado Springs to perform with the Colorado Springs Philharmonic on September 9. It is her passion for music education that inspired her to offer a special guest appearance on the *Classics for Kids* show. "To be able to hear a musician of Ms. Pine's caliber is a rare treat for our young (and not so young) listeners. This will be a lot of fun." states Campion.

About 88.7 KCME-FM:

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