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HPL and HSO Team Up for 'Mozart on Main Street'

Hartford, Connecticut (June 3, 2013) — As part of the Hartford Symphony Orchestra (HSO) program called "Musical Dialogues Series," HSO and Hartford Public Library will host the free musical performance "Mozart on Main Street" from noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19, in the Atrium of the Downtown Library.

The HSO A Piacere String Quartet will play the Mozart Chamber work *String Quartet No. 19 in C Major*. A second group of HSO performers will play Mozart's *Oboe Quartet in F Major*. In addition to the musical performances, there will be an opportunity to talk with the artists.

The purpose of "Musical Dialogues," which is sponsored by Travelers Insurance, is to present live, classical music performances for free to the community in an effort to engage a broader representation of Hartford.

"The purpose of the series is to present high-quality music performances in Hartford in venues that are easily accessible and inviting to the general public," said Jeff Martin, HSO's director of Community Engagement & Education." Those who attend the performance, he said, "Will undoubtedly get a quick, yet robust taste of Mozart's wonderful musical style." Martin added that there has not been a great amount of literature written for oboe and strings, and that Mozart's *Oboe Quartet in F Major* is a "gem" in the repertoire of oboe music.

Brenda Miller, the Library's chief officer for Cultural Affairs and Public Programming, said she is delighted to welcome the HSO performers for the June 19 performance. "This will be a real treat for people who lunch in our neighborhood, and partnering with the HSO gives us a chance to offer our visitors a chance to relax with some Mozart, and with something for the soul. These kinds of collaborations enrich all of us and bring Hartford together."

About Hartford Public Library

The Hartford Public Library traces its roots to 1774. It operates 10 locations in the City of Hartford. The Library receives more than 865,000 visits per year. Services include access to a large collection of

materials for reading and research, as well as music and video. Programs provide education, information and enrichment to the people of Hartford in such areas as citizenship training, literacy, business skills and cultural awareness. The mission of Hartford Public Library is to provide free resources that inspire reading, guide learning, and encourage individual exploration. To learn more about the library, please see www.hplct.org.

About Hartford Symphony Orchestra

Marking its 69th Season in 2012–2013, the Hartford Symphony Orchestra is Connecticut's premier musical organization. The Hartford Symphony is the second largest orchestra in New England and is widely recognized as one of America's leading regional orchestras. Under the musical direction of Carolyn Kuan, the HSO presents more than 100 concerts annually. To learn more about the Hartford Symphony, please visit www.hartfordsymphony.org.