

Community Music School of Webster University



Grand Opening Celebration Concert Mark O'Connor's Appalachia Waltz Trio

April 15, 2007 – 6:30 p.m.

535 Garden Avenue

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Violinist/composer/fiddler Mark O'Connor is widely recognized as one of the most gifted contemporary composers in America and surely one of the brightest talents of his generation.

The New York Times calls his "one of the most spectacular journeys in recent American music." *The Baltimore Sun* and *St. Louis Post Dispatch* label him "genius." *The Los Angeles Times* describes him as an artist who is one of the most talented and imaginative...working in music...any music...today."

Mark O'Connor absorbed knowledge and influences from a multitude of musical styles and genres melding and shaping these influences into a *new American classical music*. A product of America's rich tradition, Mark O'Connor's journey began at the feet of master fiddlers and jazz violinists and developed into a technique that can handle easily handle Beethoven and Brahms. The *Los Angeles Times* warmly noted he has "crossed over so many musical boundaries, that his style is purely personal."

His first recording for the Sony Classical record label, *Appalachia Waltz*, was a collaboration with cellist Yo-Yo Ma and composer and double bassist Edgar Meyer. The tremendously successful follow-up release, *Appalachian Journey*, received a Grammy Award in 2001. His new Appalachia Waltz Trio performs works from these and the more recent *Crossing Bridges* releases.

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