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Music of La Jolla Composer Robert Fürstenthal at Central Library Program *Kensington Trio and Baritone Robert Aaron Taylor to Perform*

SAN DIEGO – The 2008 Winter/Spring Concert Series of the City of San Diego Public Library will premiere Sunday, Jan. 27 with the Kensington Trio (Natalka Kytasty, violin; Yuri Kytasty, cello; Ronald Morebello, piano) and baritone Robert Aaron Taylor performing chamber music and songs of La Jolla composer Robert Fürstenthal. The program will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, 820 E St., in downtown San Diego.

The concert will include Mr. Fürstenthal's Sonata in C-sharp minor for cello and piano, op. 44; the Notturmo in D-flat major for violin, cello and piano, op. 51; the Sonata in D minor for violin and piano, op. 39. Also, Mr. Taylor will perform six songs with piano accompaniment: *Aber ich seh dich ja nicht* (But I cannot see you); *Der Abend ist mein Buch* (The evening is my book); *Ballade des äusseren Lebens* (Ballade of external life); *Im Grünen zu singen* (To sing in the meadows); *Lass sie drohen* (Let them threaten); and *Und was wird anders* (And what will change).

Mr. Fürstenthal was born in Vienna, Austria in 1920, emigrated to England in 1939 and to the United States in 1940. After serving in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945, he became a Certified Public Accountant and worked a number of positions for the U.S. Government. His works, comprising mostly chamber music and art songs, have found increasing acclaim from New York, Washington D.C., Germany and his native Austria.

The Kensington Trio has been performing together since 2001 and has appeared in many concerts in the greater San Diego area, as well as each season on the Kensington Concert Series. In July of 2006, the Trio was presented at the annual convention of the Music Teachers' Association of California, held at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.

Ms. Kytasty has performed with the Kiev Chamber Orchestra and the State TV and Radio Symphony Orchestra. Since immigrating to San Diego, she has taught at the Fairbanks School of Performing Arts and has played with the San Diego Chamber Orchestra; she is active in San Diego as a chamber performer, and teaches students of violin and viola.

Mr. Kytasty was principal cellist with the Kiev Chamber Orchestra for twenty years, and was also a member of both the State Symphony Orchestra, and the Opera and Ballet Theater Orchestra. Now residing in San Diego, he has played with the Orchestra of Baja California, and has been principal cellist with the Mesa and San Diego State University Symphonies. He is active as a freelance chamber musician in San Diego.

Mr. Morebello teaches piano privately in the Kensington area of San Diego, and is a frequent performer and judge across California. He performs in the piano, four hands team of Morebello and Rodewald, and with the Kensington Trio. He is also the originator and chairperson of the Kensington Concert Series, which presents concerts in the homes of Kensington.

Mr. Taylor is a native of Chattanooga, Tennessee, currently residing in San Diego. He is primarily a theatrical performer and has extensive experience in performing recital and concert literature, including songs in French, Italian, Japanese and Russian. From 2003 to 2006, he performed for tens of thousands of children and adults in San Diego County as a member of the San Diego Opera Ensemble. As a great fan of German Lieder, he is very excited to have the opportunity to add pieces by Mr. Fürstenthal to his repertoire.

The concert is free and open to the public. Free parking is available at the Five Star Parking lot adjacent to the Library on Broadway and 8th. In addition, parking meters are not enforced on Sundays, and other pay parking lots are available in the vicinity of the library.

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