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Karen Elaine, Violinist and Violist, to Perform at Central Library *Program Will Feature Music by Bach, Bloch, Burkhard, and Baker*

SAN DIEGO – The sixth and final concert of the 2010 Winter/Spring Concert Series of the City of San Diego Public Library will take place on Sunday, May 9, with violinist and violist Karen Elaine. The FREE 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 program is as follows:

Johann Sebastian Bach, Violin Partita No. 3 in E Major, BWV 1006

Ernest Bloch, Viola Suite, Op. Posthumous (ending written by Karen Elaine)

Willy Burkhard, Viola Sonata, Op. 59

David Baker, Cadenzas from *Concertpiece for Viola (1989)*

Karen Elaine plays on a Guarneri-style violin and a 16 1/2- inch Stradivarius-style viola. She is the First Place Grand Prize winner of the 1998 Bruno Giuranna International Viola Competition. As winner of numerous solo competitions in her native California, she is noted by the Los Angeles Times as "... the soloist to bring the viola out of obscurity." Ms. Elaine has recorded with the London Symphony Orchestra, the City of London Sinfonia (for which she received nomination for a 1992 Grammy Music Award), the Orquesta Sinfonica da Paraiba, and the Moraska Philharmonie. A featured artist on recital and orchestral series worldwide, Ms. Elaine has given premier performances of new works and exuberant interpretations of the standard repertoire.

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Ms. Elaine has commissioned and premiered numerous works for solo viola by David Baker, Ed Bland, Gordon Kerry, Patrice Rushen, Bruce Taub, David Ward-Steinman, and other distinguished composers. As an arranger and soloist, her works for solo viola with string orchestra have been performed by the Rogue Valley Symphony, the Afro-American Chamber Music Society, the Palisades Symphony, and the Southeast Los Angeles Symphony.

Karen Elaine has recorded on the Delos, Harmonia Mundi, Laurel, R-Kal, Fleur de Son, and Tzadik record labels. Featured on the daily Karl Haas classical radio program “Adventures in Good Music” is her Grammy-nominated recording of Norman Dello Joio’s *Lyric Fantasies*, one of her many collaborative works with conductor David Amos. Their new release of a collection of solo viola works by Ernest Bloch featuring Ms. Elaine, as well as a list of upcoming performances can be perused on www.violaconcerts.com and purchased on cdbaby@cdbaby.com.

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.

For further information, please call the Library’s Art, Music and Recreation Section at 236-5810, or visit the Library web site at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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