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First Mondays Concert April 5

(Brevard, NC) – The Brevard Music Center will present the next **First Mondays** concert Monday, April 5, 2010 at 12:30 PM at the First United Methodist Church of Brevard located at 325 N. Broad Street. **Parking for this event is in the church lot located off of Caldwell Street directly behind the Pad Thai restaurant. Do not park in the College Plaza lot for this concert.**

This concert series features artist faculty from the Brevard Music Center performing the first Monday of each month through May. The concerts are free and open to the public as a way of sharing music with the community throughout the year.

The concert on April 5 will feature pianist Douglas Weeks performing Chopin's Twenty-Four Preludes, Op. 28. Weeks has recently completed performances at Converse College in honor of Frederic Chopin's 200th birthday. Born March 1, 1810 in a small town near Warsaw, Poland, Chopin is known for his piano compositions of intricate harmony and technical difficulty. Other characteristics of his works are his breathtaking melodies, use of "rubato," and innovations in piano technique and pedaling. He was a child prodigy who grew up to become known as "The Poet of the Piano."

Douglas Weeks has performed throughout the Southeastern US both as soloist and as pianist with the Converse Trio. He has also performed duo recitals with violinist Thomas Joiner in Africa and the Middle East and solo recitals in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh and Kenya under the auspices of the US State Department. He has also performed in Switzerland and in Panama. In the spring of 1999 he taught for four months at the Conservatory of Music in Cairo, Egypt as a Fulbright Senior Scholar. A prizewinner in the Robert Casadesus International Piano Competition, Dr. Weeks competed in the VI International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow. He has been awarded both the Kathryne

Amelia Brown Award at Converse College for excellence in teaching and a South Carolina Commission on Higher Education's Distinguished Professor Award. In 2005, Weeks was named a Steinway Artist.

The First Monday concert series will continue on May 3. All concerts begin at 12:30 at the First United Methodist Church of Brevard and are free and open to the public. The Brevard Music Center's 74th season will run from July 25 through August 8, 2010. Concert information is posted at brevardmusic.org and single tickets will go on sale later this spring.

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