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### The Mondavi Center Presents Curtis On Tour

**Davis, Calif.**—The **Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts**, UC Davis, presents the exceptional young artists of Philadelphia's renowned **Curtis Institute of Music** in a concert featuring **Stravinsky's** modernist masterwork "**L'Histoire du Soldat**" ("**The Soldier's Tale**"). Joining the Curtis musicians are **Hal Robinson**, principal bassist of the **Philadelphia Orchestra**, and Curtis alumnus **Alex Kerr**, principal guest concertmaster of the **Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra**. Performances take place in the **Studio Theatre** on **Saturday, March 21, at 8 p.m.** and **Sunday, March 22, at 2 p.m.**

Says **Don Roth**, Mondavi Center executive director, "We're very proud to be in the second year of what we hope will be long-term relationship with the wonderful Curtis Institute of Music. Anyone who heard the performance here last year knows the quality of the Curtis musicians, and it's particularly wonderful that we'll have not only "**L'Histoire du Soldat**" by Stravinsky but also "**From the Rubáiyát of Omar Khayyám**," a new song cycle by composer David Ludwig.

Musically vivid, touching and humorous, Igor Stravinsky's "**L'Histoire du Soldat**" is based on a Russian folk tale about a soldier who trades his fiddle to the devil and soon regrets it. Curtis On Tour presents the original version of the work featuring a septet of musicians, a conductor and a narrator.

"**From the Rubáiyát of Omar Khayyám**" by David Ludwig, commissioned by Curtis On Tour, uses the thousand-year-old quatrains of the great Persian poet in songs written for mezzo-soprano, violin, bass, clarinet, bassoon, cornet, trombone and percussion. The work seeks to capture the sensual nature of Khayyám's poetry and the spirit of 11th-century Persia in a contemporary music setting.

**Pricing** is \$30 for regular tickets and \$15 for students and children. Purchase tickets online at [MondaviArts.org](http://MondaviArts.org), through the Mondavi Center box office at 530-754-2787 or 866-754-2787 (toll-free), or at the door. Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. This event is presented as part of the Mondavi Center's **Debut Series**, which concludes with mezzo-soprano **Sasha Cooke** on **April 25–26**.

The Mondavi Center Arts Education Program also presents **Curtis On Tour** as part of the **2008–09 School Matinee Series** on **Friday, March 20, at 11 a.m.** in the **Studio Theatre**. The School Matinee Series is made available for teachers and students, including homeschoolers. Performances in this series support the California Department of Education Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards. Educators interested in purchasing tickets should call 530-754-4689.

- **Curtis On Tour**
- **Sat., March 21, 8 p.m.**  
**Sun., March 22, 2 p.m.**
- **Mondavi Center, Studio Theatre**
- **9399 Old Davis Road, Davis, CA 95616 (GPS)**
- **\$30 regular; \$15 students, children**
- **530-754-2787**  
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