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***Internationally Celebrated Violinist JOSHUA BELL Returns to Spivey Hall
to Open 28th Season Strings Series***

***Pianist CYRUS CHESTNUT Kicks Off Jazz Series with Gospel Traditions Infusing
His Trio's Mastery of Many Styles***

MORROW GA (September 10, 2018) – [Spivey Hall](#) launches fully into its 28th Season in October with the opening of its Strings, Jazz and Organ Series.

“We are proud to present three stellar American headliners in October,” said Spivey Hall Executive and Artistic Director Samuel C. Dixon. “They perform internationally, are outstanding artists and captivating performers, and amply represent the level of music excellence that our loyal audiences have come to expect, and for which the Spivey Series is renowned.”

Considered one of the most celebrated violinists of his era, famed American musician [Joshua Bell](#), partnered with British pianist [Sam Haywood](#), returns to Spivey Hall on **October 7** to open the **Strings Series**. Jazz pianist and composer [Cyrus Chestnut](#) brings his Trio to Spivey on **October 12** to kick off the **Jazz Series**, with a program blending gospel, classical, jazz, blues and even be-bop that is sure to captivate and entertain Spivey audience members. Spivey Organist-in-Residence [Alan Morrison](#) takes the stage on **October 27** for the opening recital in Spivey’s **Organ Series**; ClevelandClassical.com called “his technical facility...astonishing,” and his program filled with “showstoppers.”

For tickets or more information, call the Spivey Hall Box Office at (678) 466-4200, or visit clayton.edu/spiveyhall. In addition to the standard ticket pricing indicated for each performance, there is a 20% discount available to students and Georgia educators with ID. The Spivey Hall box office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; discounted subscriptions of four or more concerts remain available both through the Box Office and online for purchase.

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SPIVEY SERIES

Joshua Bell, violin

Sam Haywood, piano

Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

“The greatest American violinist active today” says *The Boston Herald* of classical virtuoso **Joshua Bell**, whose superstar status was earned through a career consistently delivering exciting, heart-pounding performances. Bell returns to Spivey with renowned British pianist **Sam Haywood** for a concert sure to leave the audience enraptured and enthralled. Bell and Haywood’s energetic partnership has been said to deliver “the best of the best that nineteenth-century music has to offer.” (*Santa Barbara Independent*) The two share a true artistic camaraderie; *The Kansas City Star* cites that “Haywood [isn’t] just an accompanist, but rather an equal collaborator with a gentlemanly demeanor.”

Their repertoire for Spivey Hall includes major sonatas by German, Norwegian and Russian composers – Romantic-era masters Johannes Brahms and Edvard Grieg, and leading Modernist Sergei Prokofiev – plus a variety of other works that will be announced from the stage.

Tickets are priced at \$80 (with discounts for subscribers, groups, students and Georgia educators) and are available for purchase now.

Joshua Bell and Sam Haywood’s Spivey Series recital is made possible through the generosity of Spivey Hall Friends Concert sponsors David P. Millett, MD and Sherry M. Sandoval.

Cyrus Chestnut Trio

Friday, October 12, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Working with rhythm partners **Nimrod Speaks** on bass and **Chris Beck** on drums, jazz pianist **Cyrus Chestnut** plays music tinged by gospel coloration and rooted in earthy swing. “Blending contemporary jazz, traditional jazz and gospel, plus the occasional seasonings of Latin and samba, he gives himself plenty of freedom to explore different emotions, while keeping the music in recognizable form.” (*All About Jazz*)

Tickets start at \$15 (with discounts for subscribers, groups, students and Georgia educators) and are available for purchase now.

The Cyrus Chestnut Trio’s Spivey Series concert is made possible through the generosity of Spivey Hall Friends Concert Sponsors Elizabeth P. Kirk and Alfred D. Land.

Alan Morrison, organ
Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Spivey Hall's Organist-in-Residence **Alan Morrison** is widely recognized as a premier concert organist, performing in prestigious organ venues across the United States and Canada, as well as in international festivals. He is an avid advocate of 20th and 21st century composers, regularly introducing their works to audiences in recitals and concerts, and enjoys collaborating with vocalists and other instrumentalists in chamber programs. "(Morrison) produces a joyful performance," praised Cleveland's *The Plain Dealer*. "He communicated a sense of pleasure that lifted the music beyond the notes."

Morrison's Spivey Hall recital program will feature Russian Romantic composer Modest Mussorgsky's colorful *Pictures at an Exhibition*.

Morrison holds the Haas Charitable Trust Chair in Organ Studies at Philadelphia's prestigious Curtis Institute of Music, joined the faculty of Westminster Choir College of Rider University in 2006, and serves as College Organist at Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pennsylvania. He also holds The McGehee Family Organist Residency at Spivey Hall, through the 2020-2021 season.

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About Spivey Hall

Now celebrating its 28th season, **Spivey Hall** is the South's most acoustically superior recital hall, presenting the best in classical, jazz and world music. Located on the picturesque campus of Clayton State University in Morrow, Georgia, just fifteen miles southeast of Atlanta, the Hall wins accolades from artists, patrons and journalists alike. An intimate venue with just 390 seats, Spivey Hall promotes for the concert-goer a personal connection with the artist both during and after the performance. Spivey's extraordinary acoustics and reputation for distinguished programming attract outstanding international musicians who regularly perform at the nation's major concert venues such as Kennedy Center and Carnegie Hall. Spivey Hall also presents regular performances on its magnificent 4,413-pipe Albert Schweitzer Memorial Organ, custom-built in Italy by Fratelli Ruffatti.

Clayton State University's Spivey Hall gratefully acknowledges support received for the 2018-2019 concert season from the Walter and Emilie Spivey Foundation, the Chaparral Foundation, and the Spivey Hall Friends, as well as from media partners [WABE 90.1 FM](#) and [Jazz 91.9 WCLK](#).

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