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Fun-Loving Trio the True Jive Pluckers Join the HPO in *Get Your Jive On*

Hamilton, Ontario...The **Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra** is pleased to present the eclectic **True Jive Pluckers** in the Pops series show *Get Your Jive On* on Saturday, February 6th at Hamilton Place. This trio from Regina composed of **Eduard Minevich** (violin), **Jack Semple** (guitar) and **Stephen McLellan** (upright bass) will join the HPO conducted by **Daniel Warren**, resident conductor of the **Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony** for a night of energetic music.

Get Your Jive On is a musical journey through the hot and cool genres of blues, jazz, swing, gypsy, tango and more. It features the **True Jive Pluckers'** original arrangements of the greats like Statman, Rubinoff, and Hagen & Rogers, along with some original compositions. The trio's eclecticism arises from its members' very different backgrounds. Minevich and McLellan are both classically trained; Minevich loves jazz, gypsy, Klezmer, and tango; McLellan started out playing rock, rhythm-and-blues and jazz; Semple is a blues guitar virtuoso. They came up with the idea of forming a trio with a musical palette that would meld together all their favourite and varied genres.

Eduard Minevich is the current Concert Master of the **Regina Symphony Orchestra**, as well as a composer, an arranger, and an educator. He was classically educated at the prestigious **St. Petersburg Conservatory** in Russia. His musical career has taken him around the globe as a soloist and music director, playing for such eminent state figures as President Putin, and the British Royal Family. Minevich and Canadian fiddle champion, **Frank Leahy**, wrote and arranged the shows *Bending The Bows* and *Road To Carnegie*, which they have performed with numerous major North American orchestras. Minevich also arranges music for the True Jive Pluckers.

Juno Award-winning guitarist, composer and singer Jack Semple has performed in such major events as the **Vancouver** and the **Montreaux Jazz Festivals**, released seven CDs, and shared the stage with a wide range of top artists including **Martha Reeves, k.d. lang** and **Ronnie Hawkins**. In 1992 Semple was the national winner of the **Much Music "Guitar Wars"** competition. Jack recently won a **Western Canadian Music Award** for his acoustic solo CD, *Qu'Appelle*, and is heralded as a blues guitar virtuoso. Semple is an acclaimed composer, and has many movie scores and television theme credits, including the film *Guitarman*, in which he also played the title role. Born and raised in Saskatchewan, Jack lives in Regina.

Bassist Stephen McLellan studied with the legendary **Thomas Monohan** at the University of Toronto. His beginnings were as a bass guitarist playing rock, R&B and jazz in a number of Toronto bands. McLellan has performed in everything from Broadway musicals like *Phantom of the Opera*, *Grease*, and the touring company of *Forever Plaid*, to tours with the **National Ballet of Canada** and the **Royal Winnipeg Ballet** that have taken him all over the continent. He has played bass guitar for the late, great **Chet Atkins** and has worked as a studio musician for performers like **Anne Murray**. He has recorded widely with the **CBC**, and appeared playing his bass in the film *Youkali Hotel*. Stephen is the Principal Bassist with the **Regina Symphony Orchestra**.

Performance Information for **Get Your Jive On:**

Date + Time: Saturday, February 6th, 2010 at 7:30pm

Ticket Prices: \$18 - \$57
14-30? Join the HPO:GO program and get \$10 tickets

Venue: Hamilton Place, 1 Summers Lane

Tickets: In Person: HPO Box Office: 1002-105 Main Street East
Phone: 905-526-7756
Online: hpo.org; ticketmaster.ca

The Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra was founded in 1884 as The Hamilton Orchestral Society, and grew to become one of Canada's major professional orchestras. Today the HPO is a leader in Hamilton's robust arts community where it provides professional orchestral services and music education programmes to address the needs of the community. The HPO continues to commission and premiere works, and is one of the artistic jewels of the Hamilton/Burlington area. The combined musical talents of its artists continue to enrich the community and enhance the quality of life for its residents.

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