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Save The Date!

**Princeton Symphony Orchestra
To Hold Benefit
Supporting *BRAVO!***

**Saturday, May 2, 2009
The Bedens Brook Club**

PRINCETON – The Princeton Symphony Orchestra will host its annual benefit Saturday, May 2, 2009, to celebrate and support *BRAVO!*, the orchestra's highly acclaimed education program.

The Bedens Brook Club in Skillman, N.J. will set the stage for an enchanted evening of cocktails, dinner and PSO's famous auction of exclusive vacation homes from around the world. Guests at this year's event will also be treated to a cabaret featuring the extraordinary Broadway and concert star William Michals. Currently appearing in the landmark revival of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *South Pacific* at Lincoln Center, Michals made his Broadway debut as "The Beast" in Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, and has played such roles as Javert in *Les Miserables*, Billy Flynn in *Chicago* and Captain von Trapp in *The Sound of Music*.

PSO Board President, Caren Sturges of Princeton is serving as chair of the benefit committee, and she is assisted by a group of dedicated community volunteers, including Peggy Hughes-Fulmer, Toby Goodyear, Rachel Gray, Lynette Hull, Kate Linseth, Deborah Lunder, Ann Marciano, Pamela Morandi, Lucy Anne Newman, Susie Paneyko, Jacquie Phares, Ellen Pitts, Katie Poole, Anne Reeves, Kim Rizk, Randie Roderick, Holly Schade, Ruta Smithson, Barbara Straut, Kathleen Tovar, Martha Vaughn, Nina Wainwright, Nancy Woelk, and Marlyn Zucosky.

Photographed assembling the invitations to the benefit in the Princeton home of Deborah Lunder are (left to right) Jacquie Phares, Rachel Gray, Toby Goodyear, Pamela Morandi, Holly Schade and Martha Vaughn.

The PSO would like to encourage as many people as possible to join us in celebrating and supporting ***BRAVO!***, so we have reduced the price of attending this benefit from last year's price of \$200.00 to \$150.00 per person. Invitations to and information about the benefit may be obtained from Karen Klaverkamp at (609) 497-0020 or kklaverkamp@princetonsymphony.org.

About *BRAVO!*

The Princeton Symphony Orchestra's highly acclaimed education program ***BRAVO!*** brings the excitement, magic, and brilliance of live orchestral performances to thousands of local children. ***BRAVO!*** establishes PSO musicians in permanent teaching partnerships at more than thirty public, private and special-need elementary schools throughout central New Jersey. Offered free of charge, ***BRAVO!*** is a community resource for children, teachers, and parents. In May, ***BRAVO!*** will present *Dance Mix!*, a program featuring works by Bach, Beethoven, Copland, de Falla, Mozart, Sibelius and a new commission by Princeton composer Paul Moravec. With five full orchestra concerts held at Richardson Auditorium and Montgomery Performing Arts Center, nearly 5,000 students from more than 30 area schools will experience *Dance Mix!* PSO continues to expand the reach of ***BRAVO!*** through master classes offered to talented high school instrumentalists, through regional youth orchestra conducting workshops, and through the new ***ListenUp!*** series for middle school students. ***ListenUp!*** invites students to create art in response to what they hear at PSO concerts.