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**APPEARANCE AT TANGLEWOOD TO KICK OFF
ASTON MAGNA'S 40TH SEASON IN THE BERKSHIRES**

Aston Magna's 2012 season marks its 40th year in the Berkshires, and to celebrate we are launching the season at Ozawa Hall at Tanglewood in Lenox, MA, with a concert on Saturday June 9 at 6:00 p.m. The concert will feature a handful of the many musical highlights beheld over the years including madrigals by Monteverdi, excerpts from Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas* and Handel's *The Triumph of Time and Truth*, and Bach's Brandenburg Concerto no. 1. Vocal soloists will include sopranos Kristen Watson and Roberta Anderson, mezzo soprano Deborah Rentz-Moore, alto Lynn Torgove, tenors Frank Kelley and William Hite, and baritone David Ripley. Artistic Director and violinist Daniel Stepner will lead a full baroque orchestra, which will include Peter Sykes, harpsichord.

This 40th Anniversary Gala Concert will be followed by a celebratory reception for the Aston Magna Festival at Cranwell Resort. Tickets for this event may only be acquired in conjunction with concert tickets, and by calling 413-528-3595, out of area 800-875-7156.

A preview of this concert will take place at the Slosberg Auditorium at Brandeis University, Waltham, MA on Friday, June 8 at 8:00 p.m.

The celebratory theme will continue into the regular season, which begins on June 14 and which will include appearances by Dominique Labelle, Stanley Ritchie, Stephen Hammer, and Eric Hoepflich performing works of Bach (three Bach's, in fact), Vivaldi, Domenico Scarlatti, Mozart, and Villa Lobos, as well as lesser known masters. The concerts will take place at Slosberg Auditorium at Brandeis University in Waltham, MA, the Olin Humanities Building on the Main Campus of Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York; and at the Daniel Arts Center at Bard College at Simon's Rock in Great Barrington, MA. Details will be forthcoming.

Tickets to this concert at Ozawa Hall are \$50 each. They may be ordered, together with all Aston Magna Festival events, by calling 413-528-3595, out of area 800-875-7156; sending a check or money order with a self-addressed, stamped return envelope to Aston Magna, P.O. Box 28, Great Barrington, MA 01230 or online at www.astonmagna.org. For further information, call 413-528-3595, out of area phone 800-875-7156; go to www.astonmagna.org or visit us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

This season, Aston Magna continues its program to bring more young people to its concerts. Up to two children, ages 6 to 16, may attend the Great Barrington concerts free with each paid adult ticket.

The Aston Magna Festival is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and Friends of Aston Magna. Music from Aston Magna concerts at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson are made possible, in part, by the New York State Council on the Arts.

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