UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC AND FRANKLIN POND CHAMBER MUSIC PRESENT FREE CONCERT JULY 8

ATLANTA -- <u>Franklin Pond Chamber Music</u>, in collaboration with the University of North Georgia Department of Music, will perform "An Evening of Chamber Music" at the Gloria Shott Performance Hall in Dahlonega, Ga., on Saturday, July 8 at 7:30 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public – no tickets are required for general admission entry.

The Franklin Pond Players are all members of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and the Atlanta Opera Orchestra and are on the faculty of Franklin Pond Chamber Music. This outstanding string quartet will be performing works by Dvorak, Mozart, Puccini and Mendelssohn.

This performance celebrates the ongoing collaboration between Franklin Pond Chamber Music and the University of North Georgia Department of Music which hosts the Franklin Pond Chamber Music faculty and students each summer for intense study of chamber music and related skills.

Funding for the concert is provided by the Georgia Council for the Arts, and the Loridans Foundation.

The venue, Gloria Shott Performance Hall, is on the UNG campus at 322 Georgia Circle in Dahlonega, Ga. 30597. Visit www.FranklinPond.org or call 404-252-3479 for more information.

About Franklin Pond Chamber Music

Founded in 2001 by Atlanta Symphony Orchestra violinist Ronda Respess, Franklin Pond Chamber Music is committed to educating and empowering young musicians in performance, communication, and leadership through year-round chamber music. FPCM develops the artistic and interpretive talents of its students while building valuable life skills in the process. Students have regular coaching sessions with faculty members from the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Atlanta Opera, masterclasses with internationally renowned guest artists, special courses such as eurhythmics and Alexander Technique, and a diverse array of performance opportunities. In the broader community, Franklin Pond promotes classical music by offering performances of the highest quality, workshops, master classes and special programs designed to engage, educate and inspire music lovers of all ages.