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The Young Eight to Host String Seminar - June 28 to July 3rd, 2005 at Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, Texas

Austin, Texas – The Young Eight has announced details of their 2005 String Seminar, to be held from June 28 to July 3rd, 2005 on the campus of Huston-Tillotson College, 900 Chicon Street in Austin, Texas. This seminar is a one-week accelerated day program designed to educate, inspire and develop young string musicians in the field of classical music.

Sixteen students will be chosen by The Young Eight to participate in the one-week intensive String Seminar Program. Students will rehearse music from the standard chamber music and string orchestra repertoire with members of group. Daily coaching is geared towards learning the basics of music making, rehearsal techniques and other essentials of music making. Students are placed in a chamber music group with at least one member of The Young Eight, receive daily private lessons, attend various seminars on musicianship and professionalism and participate in guest master classes. Students will also perform in an educational outreach concert in the Austin community as an extension of group's programs to bring awareness of classical music to young people. At the conclusion of the program, students will be presented in a chamber music concert with The Young Eight.

Special guest lecturers will be violinists and Miró String Quartet members Daniel Ching and Sandy Yamamoto. Visit them at <http://www.miroquartet.com/>.

More information and application requirements can be found at <http://www.theyouneight.com/Outreach.html>. Packages must be postmarked by April 2, 2005. For more information, please contact Kenneth L. Jarvis, Dean of Admissions for The Young Eight String Seminar at (512) 762-0899 or education@theyouneight.com.

The Young Eight is a string octet of African American string players from The Boston Conservatory, Cleveland Institute of Music, Indiana University, The Juilliard School, Manhattan School of Music, Mannes College of Music, New England Conservatory of Music and Peabody Conservatory of Music. Founded in 2002 at the North Carolina School of the Arts by director Quinton I. Morris, the critically acclaimed octet is dedicated to exposing various communities to the arts through classical music. The Young Eight has established itself as one of the next generation's most dynamic and energetic chamber ensembles presenting performances in New York City, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Miami, Seattle, and Austin, among others. The octet has been recognized for its dedication to children, music and education. The Young Eight has served as String Octet in Residence at the North Carolina School of the Arts. Currently, the octet is in residence at Huston-Tillotson College, Austin and Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Twin Lake, Michigan. Other residency programs have included the Harlem School of the Arts, Community Music Works, First Philadelphia Charter School for Literacy, and Winston-Salem State University. Visit them online at <http://www.theyouneight.com>.

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