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## **PASA Presents an Evening of Hot Jazz, Swing and Holiday Favorites with Mark O'Connor and Jane Monheit**

LAFAYETTE (LA) – The Performing Arts Society of Acadiana (PASA) presents two time Grammy Award winning, renowned violinist and fiddler, Mark O'Connor, accompanied by two time Grammy Award nominee, Jane Monheit. Sponsored by Belle Tresse Salon and Spa, Chevron and Cox, this performance marks the fourth in PASA's Main Stage Series and will take place at The Heymann Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 7:30 pm. Tickets begin at \$28 and are available through [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com) or the Heymann Center Box Office at (337)291-5555. UL students and faculty receive a 50% discount when presenting a valid UL ID, while additional discounts are available for those attending in groups of ten or more. All promotional purchases are available through the Heymann Center Box Office only.

Performing in Acadiana for the first time since 2007, O'Connor returns leading *Hot Swing*— his ensemble of stringed, jazz musicians whose music is a tribute to friend and mentor, Stephane Grappelli. Currently, O'Connor is touring to promote his latest release and first holiday album, *An Appalachian Christmas*, ranking this week as #17 on the Billboard's Classical Album Chart, #13 on the Crossover Chart, #6 on Billboard's Bluegrass Chart and includes collaborations with artists such as James Taylor, Alison Krauss and Yo-Yo Ma, along with jazz music's notable, Jane Monheit.

In a recent interview by *Our Louisiana Magazine*, O'Connor was asked of his returning visit, "What is your connection to Lafayette, Louisiana?" His response: "I love Louisiana, and I love its culture - music - food - history. I also love the people and have friends throughout the region."

Jane Monheit—considered a contemporary Ella Fitzgerald by many—Recently celebrated a decade as a recording artist, having released ten albums, which include her own holiday compilation, and performed alongside artists such as Michael Buble, Ivan Lins and Tom Harrell. Recorded on *An Appalachian Christmas* and to be performed amongst other music on the evening of the performance, will be "Winter Wonderland" and "A Christmas Song."

PASA's *Play it Again* musical instrument recycling program, also sponsored by Chevron, places instruments in the hands of Acadiana's young musicians and will launch on December 1, in association with O'Connor's performance. PASA assumes the costs associated with repairs and all donations are tax deductible. For those attending the performance who would like to make a donation, PASA will be collecting instruments from 6:00-7:30 pm. Those not attending the performance can visit participating drop-off location (C&M Music, Lafayette Music or Prof Erny's Music) also accepting donations throughout the month of December.

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Founded in 1988, the Performing Arts Society of Acadiana is a non-profit organization that presents live entertainment at various venues throughout the Lafayette community. Separate performances for students are provided, in addition to our community's senior citizens through the PASA Plus program, one of PASA's longstanding community outreach programs. Others include Silent Seats and Play It Again, bringing the world of the performing arts into the lives of underprivileged children within the community. PASA presents annual performances of music, dance and drama from a wide range of artists, worldwide.