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Symphony Announces Harcourt Assessment Youth Series

SAN ANTONIO – The San Antonio Symphony announced today that Harcourt Assessment, Inc., a San Antonio-based education company, has committed \$50,000 to underwrite the 2004-2005 Young People’s Concert (YPC) series of educational concerts provided to 4th and 5th graders throughout San Antonio.

“We are very excited that Harcourt has committed to providing the youth of San Antonio a first-class opportunity to hear and learn about classical music,” said Jane Williams, vice president, marketing and development for the Symphony. “Their commitment will allow thousands of children the chance to learn from and enjoy live, symphonic music played by highly talented musicians.”

The YPC series encompasses four weeks of concerts at Laurie Auditorium on the campus of Trinity University. Four unique concerts, each with a specific theme, are programmed specifically for the educational level of 4th and 5th grade students.

“At Harcourt, we understand the important role that music and arts education play in developing well-rounded students, and we are delighted to have this opportunity to help young people experience and appreciate the Symphony,” said Gail Ribalta, Harcourt Assessment’s vice president of marketing. “As a San Antonio-based company, we are proud to do our part to help the Symphony ‘start the music’ for children and for the entire community.”

Children invited to attend include students from both public and private schools and those who are home-schooled, with as many as 50,000 children having access to these concerts. In addition to attending the concerts, participating schools may elect to receive educational information about the concerts and use it in their own music classes, allowing even greater outreach and a comprehensive education package.

In addition to the Young People’s Concerts, classical music lovers of all ages can enjoy the San Antonio Symphony once again as the season begins with two opening concerts on September 17 and 18 featuring San

Antonio Symphony Music Director Larry Rachleff conducting performances of works by Jalbert, Gershwin and Dvorák. This season is filled with 24 classical and 22 pops performances, plus a special “Around Town” series in collaboration with the City of San Antonio.

About Harcourt Assessment

Harcourt Assessment is a leading provider of high-quality assessment instruments and testing programs. Its educational products include the Stanford Achievement Test series and the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test[®]. Under the PsychCorp[™] brand, it also publishes a wide variety of clinical products, such as the Wechsler[®] family of tests, including the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children[®] (WISC-IV[®]), as well as the CELF[®] family of speech and language tests.

The company is affiliated with the Harcourt book publishing companies, and together they form the global education brand of Reed Elsevier Group plc (NYSE: RUK and ENL) -- a world-leading publisher and information provider operating in the science and medical, legal, education and business-to-business industry sectors.

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