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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**University of Minnesota School of Music presents  
the 2010 University of Minnesota Jazz Festival, March 6**

Minneapolis, MN (2/26/2010)— The University of Minnesota School of Music presents the 2010 University of Minnesota Jazz Festival on Saturday, March 6 at 7:30 pm at Ted Mann Concert Hall, 2128 4th St. S., Minneapolis, MN 55455. The concert is free of charge and open to the public; no advance tickets or reservation is required. For more information about the program, visit [www.music.umn.edu](http://www.music.umn.edu)

World-renowned trumpeter Rex Richardson joins the University of Minnesota Jazz Ensembles in an exciting concert of classic jazz and new arrangements of Richardson compositions by U of M student Adam Meckler. U of M Jazz Ensembles I and II and the U of M Jazz Combos will also perform. Also featured on the program is a new work by U of M Professor and Director of Jazz Studies Dean Sorenson and new student compositions by Meckler and Ari Nahum.

Yamaha Artist Rex Richardson has become one of the busiest crossover trumpet artists in the world. Since 1995, he has recorded and toured around the globe with the critically acclaimed Rhythm & Brass, an ensemble with a reputation as one of the finest brass groups in North America. Richardson also toured North America and Japan as a member of the late jazz legend Joe Henderson's Quintet and Sextet, and Europe with William Russo's Chicago Jazz Ensemble. He has served since 1997 as flugelhornist, solo cornet and jazz soloist with the Brass Band of Battle Creek.

Richardson has worked with such artists as Benny Carter, Ray Charles, Kurt Elling, Carl Fontana, Nnenna Freelon, Aretha Franklin, Wycliffe Gordon, Stefon Harris, Dave Holland, Keith Lockhart, Christian McBride, Jimmy Owens, Bobby Shew, Al Vizzutti, Bill Watrous, Gerald Wilson, Boston Brass, Millennium Brass, and countless others. Richardson is the Professor of Trumpet and Jazz Trumpet at Virginia Commonwealth University. He holds degrees in anthropology and music from Northwestern University and Louisiana State University.

Email requests for photographs to [marsh396@umn.edu](mailto:marsh396@umn.edu). For more information on the 2010 University of Minnesota Jazz Festival, visit <http://music.umn.edu/jazzfest/>.

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