



Distinguished British Cellist to Head Music For All Seasons Advisory Board

Music For All Seasons is pleased to announce that Steven Isserlis CBE, has been elected President of the Board of Advisors, a position founded and previously held by Dudley Moore.

Steven Isserlis is a remarkable cellist whose commitment to and obvious pleasure in music-making is an inspiration to audiences and fellow musicians. His artistic profile is characterized by a uniquely beautiful sound, a diverse choice of repertoire, a passion for finding neglected works, and a talent for devising performances in which he gathers friends and musical colleagues around him.

Isserlis is an active and devoted member of Music For All Seasons, and has worked closely with the organization since 1994. He participated in a major benefit concert at Carnegie Hall in which he performed Beethoven's "triple" concerto with violinist Joshua Bell and pianist Dudley Moore. In 2002, he held a cello master class for MFAS in New York City. As President of the Advisory Board, Isserlis heads a prestigious 24-member group of internationally renowned artists.

Mr. Isserlis' enthusiasm for music education is evident in the master classes and chamber music sessions he leads, as well as in the project he recently commissioned - *Unbeaten Tracks*, a collection of eight miniatures for the cello written especially for children and amateur cellists. He is the author of a new book, *Why Beethoven Threw the Stew: And Lots More Stories from the Lives of Great Composers*, published by Faber & Faber. Geared toward a young audience and fully illustrated, it offers a unique introduction to the world of classical music. The book reveals the cellist's six favorite composers through lively facts, historical anecdotes, and musical suggestions. For more information, visit his website at www.stevenisserlis.com.

I am very honoured by the invitation to become President of Music For All Seasons' Board of Advisors. It

is a wonderful organization, brightening people's lives as it does with that most perfect of gifts, music. It is also a particular privilege for me to follow in the footsteps of our much-missed friend Dudley Moore; I'm sure that his spirit is smiling on our endeavours! -Steven Isserlis

On February 22, Isserlis will perform in Carnegie Hall as soloist with the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Vladimir Ashkenazy. Isserlis will play Kabalevsky Cello Concerto No. 2.