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PRESS RELEASE

August Wilson Center presents Daniel Bernard Roumain

Portion of ticket sales will be sent to Brother's Brother Foundation to assist with Haiti relief efforts

PITTSBURGH, PA—January 22, 2010—August Wilson Center for African American Culture is pleased to announce award-winning composer and classically trained violinist Daniel Bernard Roumain (DBR) will be in concert 8 pm February 6, 2010 at the August Wilson Center, 980 Liberty Avenue, Downtown Pittsburgh's Cultural District.

Having carved a reputation for himself as an innovative composer, performer, violinist and band leader, Haitian-American artist Daniel Bernard Roumain (DBR) melds his classical music roots with his own cultural references and vibrant musical imagination. He is especially noted for blending funk, rock, hip-hop and classical music into an energetic and experiential sonic form.

DBR's works range from chamber music and orchestral pieces to electronica—each stamped with his passion, imagination and flair. For the February 6 concert, DBR will feature solo and duet works from his album *etudes4violin&electronix*, a Pittsburgh premiere.

Proving that he's "about as omnivorous as a contemporary artist gets" (*The New York Times*), DBR recently collaborated and performed with Lady Gaga on FOX's *American Idol*. His accolades range from being voted as "America's Assignment" on the *CBS Evening News*, to receiving praise as one of the "Top 100 New Yorkers" (*New York Resident*), "Top 40 Under 40" business people (*Crain's New York Business*), one of the entertainment industry's "Top 5 Tomorrow's Newsmakers" (1010 WINS Radio) and spotlighted as a "New Face of Classical Music" in *Esquire Magazine*.

In response to the massive earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12, the August Wilson Center is working with Brother's Brother Foundation and is serving as a donation site to receive brand new personal items, including baby wipes, non-liquid soap and toothpaste, among other things. **Also, \$3 from every ticket sold for this concert will be donated to Brother's Brother Foundation for Haiti relief efforts.**

DBR, who is Haitian-American, said he was encouraged by the Center's efforts to help Haiti.

"I am determined to do all that I can for my Haitian brothers and sisters, and I am grateful that an array of musicians, artists and organizations are joining together in a journey of hope towards Haiti's recovery and rebirth," he said.

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TICKETS

Single tickets for Daniel Bernard Roumain (DBR) are on sale and range from \$28 to \$30. Members prices range from \$22.75-\$24.25. For tickets call 412.456.6666, buy on-line at pgharts.org or visit The Box Office at Theater Square. For information on group sales, please call 412.471.6930.

DBR's performance is made possible through the generous support of the Alcoa Foundation, Allegheny Regional Asset District, The Heinz Endowments, McAuley Ministries, the Richard King Mellon Foundation, Pennsylvania Council on the Arts' Preserving Diverse Cultures and The Pittsburgh Foundation.

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About the August Wilson Center for African American Culture

Named for Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning playwright and Hill District native August Wilson, the August Wilson Center for African American Culture engages regional and national audiences in its mission of preserving, presenting, interpreting, celebrating and shaping the art, culture and history of African Americans in Western Pennsylvania and people of African descent throughout the world.

Located in Downtown Pittsburgh's Cultural District, the multidisciplinary August Wilson Center is reflective of all aspects of African American culture. The Center's striking, two-story, green building houses seven exhibition galleries, a 486-seat theater for performances in all disciplines, an education center, a café and gift shop, and multipurpose spaces for community programs and events. The Center is among a select few African American cultural institutions presenting visual and performing arts, the humanities and educational programs in a state-of-the-art venue.

More information is available on the Center's Web site at AugustWilsonCenter.org and by calling 412.258.2700.