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BOSTON SYMPHONY VIOLIST TO PERFORM AT EIU

CHARLESTON, IL--Burton Fine, principal violist for the Boston Symphony Orchestra, will perform in a benefit recital at Dvorak Concert Hall at Eastern Illinois University Monday, Nov. 30, at 7:30 p.m.

Joining Fine will be Ian Hobson, professor of piano at the University of Illinois and conductor of the Sinfonia da Gamera, a 35-piece chamber orchestra based in Champaign/Urbana.

Sponsoring the concert will be the Friends of WEIU at Eastern Illinois University.

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Tickets for the concert are available by mail through the Radio and Television Center, 139 Buzzard Building, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL 61920 or at the Dvorak Hall box office the week before the concert. Ticket prices are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. The cost of the post-recital reception also is \$10. Those wanting more information may call WEIU at 217-581-6116 or 581-3710.

Fine has been the principal violist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra since 1964, having first joined the orchestra in 1963 as a violinist. Born in Philadelphia, he was a student of Ivan Galamian at the Curtis Institute of Music in that city.

He has appeared frequently as soloist on viola and viola d'amore with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Boston Pops, and other musical organizations in the Northeast. He teaches viola and chamber music at the New England Conservatory of Music and in the summer serves as an instructor at the Tanglewood Music Center and the Boston University Tanglewood Institute. As a chamber musician, he performs, tours, and records extensively as violist of the Boston Symphony Chamber Players.

Ian Hobson is a professor of piano and conducting at the University of Illinois in Champaign/Urbana. He has made several recordings for Arabesque with that group. A native of England, he earned a recital diploma from London's Royal Academy of Music at the age of 17. He holds a bachelor of arts degree from Cambridge University and a doctorate in musical arts degree from Yale University.

In 1981 Hobson won first prize in the Leeds International Piano Competition and has performed as soloist with many of the major orchestras of the world.

Fine and Hobson will be performing the Sonata in f minor for viola and piano by Johannes Brahms and the Hindemith Sonata opus 25 #4. Barbara Sturgis-Everett, a member of Hobson's Sinfonia da Camera and an associate professor of violin at Eastern Illinois University, will join Burton Fine in the Mozart duo for violin and viola in G. Sturgis-Everett received her bachelor's and Master's of music degrees at the Peabody Conservatory of Music and her doctorate at the University of Cincinnati. She has been on Eastern's faculty since 1982.

Fine and Sturgis-Everett will be joined by flutist Elaine Fine for the Beethoven Serenade opus 25.

Elaine Fine studied at the Juilliard School of Music in New York City with Julius Baker and is presently the Director of Classical Music at WEIU-FM.