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THE GRAND CANYON MUSIC FESTIVAL

2010 Governor's Arts Award Winner

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Two-time Winner ASCAP-Chamber Music America Award for Adventurous
Programming

"Quite possibly Arizona's finest classical music event"
The Mesa Tribune

PRESENTS

Closing Weekend of

The 27th Season

Friday and Saturday, September 10 and 11, 2010

The String Band **ETHEL**

Featuring **ETHEL's TruckStop™**

with **Robert Mirabal and Jeff Peterson**

WHAT: The string band **ETHEL** closes out the Grand Canyon Music Festival's 27th season. Musically omnivorous, prolific, and passionate, "America's favorite string band" incorporates rock, blues, classical, jazz and other popular genres to create a sound that defies categorization.

"ETHEL – yes, that's the group's full name – is a crossover string quartet that artfully mixes classical elements with jazz, bluegrass, rock, Brazilian folk dance and Finnish fiddling. **ETHEL's** ingenious, hard-driving, pieces sometimes remind me of the Kronos Quartet's forays into vernacular styles... the music and performances are hugely enjoyable." (*Chicago Tribune*)

"ETHEL... created a world in which classical music had never gown distant, a world in which it was as fresh and direct as crowds dancing in the street." Greg Sandow, *The Wall Street Journal*

ETHEL's TruckStop™

ETHEL shines a spotlight on the melting pot of American music through collaboration, workshops and public performances with artists from a vast array of genres and traditions, sharing cultural perspectives on music, improvising, and composing new works that transcend categorization. For more about **ETHEL's TruckStop™** and their collaboration with Native America flutist **Robert Mirabal** and Hawaiian slack key guitar virtuoso **Jeff Peterson** visit www.ethelcentral.org

WHO: ETHEL. Cornelius Dufallo, violin, Ralph Farris, viola, Dorothy Lawson, cello, Mary Rowell, violin, Native America flutist Robert Mirabal and Hawaiian slack key guitar virtuoso Jeff Peterson

WHEN: Friday, September 10, Saturday, September 11, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: The Shrine of Ages, South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park, AZ.

TICKETS Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children (age 6 and up) and students, Season tickets to all 7 concerts, \$90.. For more information call 800-997-8285 or 928-638-9215. For complete schedule information and tickets visit www.grandcanyonmusicfest.org.

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The Festival administers the Native American Composers' Apprentice Program with support from the National Endowment for the Arts; WESTAF, the Western State Arts Federation and the National Endowment for the Arts; the Arizona Commission of the Arts with funding from the State of Arizona and the National Endowment for the Arts; the ASCAP Foundation; the First Nations Composer Initiative (FNCI); and Y.E.S. for Dine' Bikeyah

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