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Grand River Baroque Festival Announces New Artistic Directors

Grand River Baroque Festival is thrilled to announce the appointment of GUY FEW and NADINA MACKIE JACKSON as Artistic Directors.

As a duo, Few and Mackie Jackson have a strong connection to the Festival. They presented the world premiere of the first double concerto in their long term commissioning project, and released their CD *Bacchanale* at the Grand River Baroque Festival in 2007 to a sold-out audience. Their second CD, *Romanza*, has just been released to glowing reviews: "An encore recording from two terrific soloists in some really gripping repertory" – *Audiophile Audition*

Guy and Nadina will be replacing KEVIN MALLON, whose international conducting career requires much more of his time and attention. The Festival is grateful for his superb guidance and direction over the past three years and wishes him the continued success that he so deserves.

Grand River Baroque Festival's eighth season will present an exciting weekend of concerts, June 19 - 21, 2009 – again in the charming Buehlow Barn in Ayr, and also in Paris, Ontario. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

The special appeal of the Festival is its unique engagement of all our senses – combining virtuosic music and performance with the bucolic setting of the Buehlow Barn and countryside. Add offerings for the palate and you have a delightful summer mix.

Guy and Nadina look forward to sharing these delights with you. They are known locally as solo performers and professors at the School of Music at Wilfrid Laurier University. Both enjoy successful national and international careers. Individually, they have wide solo, chamber music and orchestral experience as both baroque and modern performers. These virtues and their great sense of theatrical fun will inform the Festival in 2009.

In July 2008, *The Record* (Kitchener-Waterloo) wrote: "Guy Few and Nadina Mackie Jackson created that irresistible combination of extraordinary musicianship and engaging showboating... deeply expressive talent of each solo performer... wonderful, out-of-the-way musical offering of superlative quality."

Guy and Nadina will announce details of the 2009 Festival at the end of October. To schedule an interview, please contact Nadina Mackie Jackson (Latitude 45 Arts 514-276-2694) or Guy Few (Great Concerts 416-595-9555). Please contact us if you wish to be added to our email list, or to request photos for publication.

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