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Tafelmusik's Beethoven Recording on the Sony Classical Vivarte Label in Europe

"...a composer whose music they seem to have been destined to play."

- Robert Everett-Green, The Globe and Mail

It is with great pride and excitement that **Analekta** and **Tafelmusik** announce a new licensing venture with **Sony BMG Classical Europe** for European distribution of the recent Analekta recording of *Beethoven Symphonies Nos. 5 and 6* on the **Sony Classical Vivarte** label. Tafelmusik's extensive recording history includes over 70 internationally distributed CDs, 11 on the Analekta label and 42 on the Sony Classical Vivarte label.

"The Canadian Tafelmusik Orchestra with Jeanne Lamon as Music Director is known worldwide as one of the best baroque music ensembles. The new recording of Beethoven's 5th and 6th Symphonies under Bruno Weil shows us a new view of Beethoven and surely ranks with the best of the last years. Sony BMG Classical is proud to be able to release this astonishing CD and to continue the successful history of Tafelmusik-Vivarte recordings," states **Michael Brüggemann, Vice President Sony BMG Classical Germany & Europe.**

Beethoven Symphonies Nos. 5 & 6 features the Tafelmusik Orchestra under the direction of prominent German conductor **Bruno Weil**. Released in North America and the U.K. on the Analekta label in March 2005, the CD has already received international recognition and acclaim:

"superb playing by Canada's crack period orchestra"
(Daily Telegraph, UK);

"felicitous period performance...imaginatively recorded"
(Gramophone Magazine, UK).

*"This is not only one of Tafelmusik's most impressive recorded achievements,
it is surely one of the best available recordings of the score."*
(The Toronto Star)

"We are thrilled that Analekta, one of Canada's foremost recording companies, will help showcase Tafelmusik in Europe with this licensing partnership," says **Music Director Jeanne Lamon**. "We feel honoured to be an artistic partner with Analekta and Sony BMG Classical Europe on this project, and are very proud of this recording. Analekta's President Mario Labbé has shown great determination in showcasing Canada's leading artists nationally and internationally. We have had a long and gratifying recording history with both Sony Classical and Analekta, and it is rewarding to see this new collaboration come to fruition. Analekta is also demonstrating tremendous vision in establishing a major place in the e-world of recording distribution through its recent alliance with iTunes."

Tafelmusik's 2005 recording news includes two releases this fall: *Concerti Virtuosi* and *Baroque Adventure: The Quest for Arundo Donax*. In 2005, Tafelmusik received two **Juno Awards** (*Cleopatra* with Isabel Bayrakdarian and Rameau's *Temple de la Gloire* and *Dardanus*, both on CBC Records) and a **Grammy Award Nomination** (*Temple de la Gloire* and *Dardanus*).

Copies of the *Beethoven Symphonies Nos. 5 and 6* recording are available upon request.

For more information on the **Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra and Chamber Choir**, please visit: www.tafelmusik.org

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Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra, led by Music Director Jeanne Lamon, is one of the world's leading period performance ensembles. All members of the orchestra are specialists in historical performance practice, and their collaboration results in a delightful transparency, vitality and richness of sound. Tafelmusik is the Baroque Orchestra-in-Residence at the Faculty of Music of the University of Toronto. The Tafelmusik Chamber Choir, specializing in baroque performance practice and vocal technique, was formed in 1981 to complement the orchestra. Founded in 1979, Tafelmusik performs 50 concerts a year at home in Toronto and tours extensively around the world. In the 2005/2006 season, Tafelmusik has been engaged by six prestigious international festivals (in Germany, USA, UK and Spain.) Tafelmusik has released over 70 CDs and has received seven Juno Awards. In 2005, Tafelmusik received a Grammy Award nomination.

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