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**INTERNATIONAL CELLIST, CARLOS PRIETO, TO VISIT THE DC YOUTH ORCHESTRA PROGRAM**

**Washington, DC** – The DC Youth Orchestra Program in cooperation with the Cultural Institute of Mexico is thrilled to announce a master class with Carlos Prieto.

Carlos Prieto, Mexican-born and MIT-educated, is one of the most respected cellists in the world, regularly premiering works composed especially for him by Latin American, North American and European composers. He has received enthusiastic public acclaim and won excellent reviews for his performances throughout the United States, Europe, Russia, China, India, and Latin America. The New York Times of his Carnegie Hall debut raved "Prieto has no technical limitations and his musical instincts are impeccable."

On Saturday, November 19, 2005, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., Mr. Prieto will provide a master class to the students of the DC Youth Orchestra Program. The event takes place at Coolidge H.S. in the school auditorium (bottom floor, enter through the back). Three students have been selected to perform for Mr. Prieto: Johnny Walker, cello; Nicholas Montopoli, violin; Benjamin Gates, cello.

The event is open to the public. DC Youth Orchestra Program students, faculty, and staff may attend the event at no charge. All others are asked to give a minimum \$10.00 donation to attend the event.