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The Ability Society Launches **Friends** to the Spectacular Sounds of
The Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra and Evelyn Glennie

Calgary, AB – February 18, 2004: On March 10th The Ability Society will launch **Friends** – a movement that promises to build community and drive social change. To help celebrate, the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra will present an unforgettable evening with one of the world's foremost solo Percussionists, Evelyn Glennie at the Jack Singer Concert Hall at 8:00 p.m.

The magnificent musical talent of Evelyn Glennie is a testament to one's limitless abilities. Beyond engaging her audiences with a visually and acoustically stunning performance, Evelyn Glennie is a woman of purpose and contribution. Her work to break down barriers and simply celebrate the diversity and 'ability' of all children and human beings is a gift to the world.

"**Friends** connects a diverse range of people in relationships, and celebrates the power friendship has to improve our daily lives and dramatically enhance the society in which we live", said Adrian Bohach Ability Society Executive Director. This message is launched more powerfully when supported by those who encourage community connections in their own dynamic way, such as Evelyn Glennie and the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra." "We are pleased to partner with the Ability Society and to bring such a talented and exciting musician to perform with the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra in what is sure to be an unforgettable concert experience," said Lori Crawford, CPO Communications Director.

Evelyn Glennie will also perform an open rehearsal on March 10th from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tickets for this are priced at \$10.00 in the hope that all community members are able to attend. Donation of these tickets is highly welcome. Tickets for an intimate concert reception, to include hors d'oeuvres and wine, are also available. Call today to reserve your tickets at (403) 262-9445 ext. 119. Proceeds from the concert will be distributed equally to the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra and the Ability Society.

The Ability Society mission is to build community. Their goal is to ensure that every person has the opportunity to become an active citizen within their communities.

The Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra has been *live* in Calgary since 1955. *Live* with the world's leading artists. *Live* in a wonderful range of genres. *Live* for an average of five concerts a month. *Live* in Southern Alberta as one of North America's finest and most versatile orchestras.

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