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VIOLINIST NADJA SALERNO-SONNENBERG
TO BOW IN DENISON'S SPRING VAIL SERIES

GRANVILLE---Renowned violinist Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg will continue Denison University's 1989-90 Vail Arts Series with an 8 p.m. performance Tuesday (March 6) in Swasey Chapel. This is Salerno-Sonnenberg's first appearance at Denison.

Salerno-Sonnenberg's electrifying performances have earned her great respect in the music world and frequent media attention, including CBS' "60 Minutes" and the "Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson. She has appeared with some of this country's most prestigious symphonies, orchestras and philharmonics, including those in Cleveland, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Seattle. She also has performed with the London Philharmonic and the London Symphony.

Born in Rome, Salerno-Sonnenberg moved to the United States when she was eight and studied at the Curtis Institute of Music. She later studied at the Juilliard School of Music with Dorothy DeLay. Salerno-Sonnenberg won the Walter W. Naumberg International Violin Competition in 1981 and both

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the prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant and the 1988 Ovation Award.

She will perform Sonata for Violin and Piano by Francis Poulenc (1899-1963); Sonata No. 1 in G major, Op. 78 by Johannes Brahms (1833-1897); and, following intermission, Sonata No. 1 in D minor, Op. 75 by Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921).

Salerno-Sonnenberg has appeared in numerous festivals, including the Mostly Mozart, Ravinia, Blossom, Hollywood Bowl, Aspen and Tanglewood. Her recital credits include performances on Lincoln Center's Great Performers Series, New York's 92nd Street "Y" Distinguished Artists Series and at the Library of Congress. She has appeared in cities such as Vienna, Munich, Stuttgart, Frankfurt, Geneva, Rotterdam and Lisbon.

She records exclusively for ANGEL/EMI records. Salerno-Sonnenberg has been featured on the PBS/BBC's series "The Mind" and PBS's "Live from Lincoln Center." This past fall, her book, "Nadja: On Her Way," was released.

Pianist Sandra Rivers will accompany Salerno-Sonnenberg. Rivers earned her bachelor and master of science degrees from Juilliard. In 1978, she was awarded first prize for best accompanist in the prestigious Tchaikovsky International Violin Competition in Moscow. As an assisting artist, Rivers has appeared at the Mostly Mozart Festival, the Aspen Music Festival, the Kennedy Center and on the Great Performers Series at Lincoln Center. She also has performed throughout
Europe, Asia and the United States with such artists as Itzhak Perlman, Kyung-Wha Chung and Elmar Oliveira.

Denison's Vail Series, made possible by a generous gift from the late Foster and Mary McGaw in memory of Jeanne Vail, a 1946 alumna, is part of the Vail Program that provides the University with a range of support for fine arts activity, including art history, cinema, dance, music, studio art and theatre. Each year the program underwrites performances by major artists on the Vail Series and provides for one or more Vail Artists-in-Residence who work with faculty and students to expand and enrich the cultural opportunities at Denison. This year, for example, Robert Ingram from Westminster College of Salt Lake City is an artist-in-residence in the theatre department.

According to the Vail Series Director Lorraine Wales, Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg's appearance continues the series' tradition of presenting some of the world's most distinguished performing artists, including such notable recent appearances by Yo-Yo Ma, Emanuel Ax, Leontyne Price, Itzhak Perlman, Alicia deLarrocha and the Stuttgart Radio Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Sir Neville Mariner.

Tickets for Tuesday's performance are available for $10 each from Denison's Cultural Affairs Office in Slayter Union. For reservations call Ellen Kraft at (614) 587-6695 or write: Vail Series Tickets, College Union and Cultural Affairs, Slayter Hall, Denison University, Granville, Ohio 43023.
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