



**San Miguel de Allende's 32<sup>ND</sup> Chamber Music Festival is Pleased to Announce Vladimir Lande as Director of the U.S. Advanced Music Student Program in August 2010**

**San Miguel de Allende, Mexico**

According to some of the finest music groups performing today, such as the Ying, the Miami and Turtle Island Quartets, this UNESCO World Heritage town is an ideal setting for students to stretch and perfect their musical capabilities - not to mention, have fun. Located in central Mexico, San Miguel de Allende looks and feels more like an ancient Spanish hill-town with its cobblestone streets, 18<sup>TH</sup> century colonial architecture, lively town square, and beautiful churches and theaters all adding to the creative atmosphere for the student program. "I have taken many students to Europe to participate in music festivals there," said Vladimir Lande. "When I saw what San Miguel de Allende has to offer, I immediately realized it was a great opportunity for U.S. advanced music students to participate in an internationally respected music festival. From the wonderful learning environment to the appreciative audiences, it is an exceptional cultural center."

"The Board of the San Miguel Music Festival is pleased to appoint Mr. Lande as Director of the U.S. Advanced Student Music Program for 2010. He brings a wealth of experience in working with students and leading student musicians and graduate musicians in music festival programs in the U.S. and Europe," said Camilla Sands, Director of the San Miguel Music Festival.

Conductor Vladimir Lande is the Principal Guest Conductor of the St. Petersburg Symphony Orchestra (Russia). He is a guest conductor of the National Gallery Orchestra in Washington D.C., Music Director of the COMSIC Symphony Orchestra, the Washington Soloists Chamber Orchestra in Washington D.C., the Maryland Conservatory Orchestra, and Johns Hopkins Chamber Orchestra. He regularly appears as Conductor with the famous Donetsk Ballet Company in Europe and the United States. For the past seven seasons, Vladimir has been Principal Guest Conductor of the Bachanalia Festival Orchestra, New York. Lande performed with his group, the Poulenc Trio during the San Miguel Music Festival in 2008.

"I'm also very happy about the low price of this student musician program, which is offering so much in this small and safe city," said Vladimir. The program provides 16 nights lodging, two meals a day, four private coachings with in-residence instructors, four private chamber music ensemble coachings, ten orchestra coachings, plus Master Classes with festival performers including the Endellion String Quartet from London, the Miro, Calder and Haven String Quartets and Vladimir Lande's Poulenc Trio, among others. Students also attend professional concerts during the festival. Mr. Lande will invite and direct a group of advanced music students and graduate musicians to join him and world-renowned instructors from acclaimed U.S. schools of music in San Miguel. Sands reports that U.S. music students will enjoy mixing with many top music students from the university of Mexico (UNAM) and other music academies in Mexico. As San Miguel de Allende is consistently listed in Travel & Leisure and Conde Nast Magazines as a highly rated vacation destination, friends and families may also want to attend all or part of the festival. Special rates will be offered by the San Miguel Hotel Association to these special guests.

"Students have many opportunities to polish their skills as a musicians by playing in front of a very appreciative public during the festival," said Sands. "Imagine playing in the center of our historic city in the town square as tourists stop to listen, the mariachis smile, the children gather around, local people break into applause - and each student becomes an international ambassador for bringing joy through music." Student ensembles and the student symphony also play in theaters and churches. Plus the festival awards the two best student groups First and Second Place and they are invited to perform in the 2011 San Miguel Chamber Music Festival. The cost of the 16 night, 15 day U.S. Advanced Music Student Program is \$1,850.<sup>00</sup> USD.

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**At-a-Glance:**

**San Miguel de Allende 32<sup>ND</sup> Music Festival**

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**U.S. Advanced Music Student Program:** July 31- August 15, 2010

Director of the U.S. Advanced Music Student Program

**Vladimir Lande**

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