

BOWFIRE, THE UNIQUE MUSICAL AND THEATRICAL EXPERIENCE, ANNOUNCES BEACON THEATER SHOW IN NEW YORK ON APRIL 24th

Show Will Be Part of North American Tour Visiting Over 100 Cities

NEW YORK CITY, November 14, 2007 – The string performance ensemble BOWFIRE is pleased to announce a show at the **Beacon Theater in New York City on April 24** as part of their upcoming North American tour. From the traditional fiddle and violin to the exotic Chinese Erhu, BOWFIRE has been impressing audiences worldwide since forming in 2000 and will continue to do so with over 100 show dates in North America throughout 2008.

The BOWFIRE ensemble of world-renowned musicians takes audiences on a journey that moves seamlessly from Jazz to Classical to Bluegrass to Celtic to Rock and World. The unique combination of master musicians, choreography and vocals is complemented by elaborate costumes and set design.

New Yorkers will get a first look at *Bowfire's* live show in a new television special produced by WLIW21 New York Public Television. BOWFIRE will premiere exclusively in the NY-area on Sunday, November 18 at 8 pm on WLIW21 with Lenny Solomon live in the studio during the broadcast, sharing behind-the-scenes stories. During the broadcast, WLIW21 viewers who make a donation to the station in support of music programming (800-767-2121 or wliw.org) will have the first opportunity to secure excellent seats to see BOWFIRE live at the Beacon Theater before tickets go on sale to the public. The TV special will air nationwide on public television beginning Thanksgiving weekend. Check local listings for air dates in your city and tune in for exclusive first access to tickets.

"BOWFIRE blurred individual traditions in the fast-paced onslaught of top-flight playing ... Everything I heard was slick, well-produced and well-played. Nothing was overdone. There was enough razzle-dazzle and variety to keep the audience entertained..."
~ The Houston Chronicle

"BOWFIRE is enormously entertaining."
~The Washington Post

"BOWFIRE demonstrates what the violin and fiddle can do in the hands of masters...an evening of show stopping hits strung together in glorious sequence...awesome!"
~The Record

Creator and artistic director Lenny Solomon says, "When you put the best string players from around the world together on stage something magical happens. We are changing people's perception of what a stringed instrument can do."

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BOWFIRE performers: Stéphane Allard (Quebecois jazz violinist), Bill Bridges (guitarist), Stephanie Cadman (Celtic fiddler), Shane Cook (fiddler), Bogdan Djukic (classical virtuoso/violinist), George Gao (Chinese Erhu), Yi-Jia Susanne Hou (violinist), Ray Legere (bluegrass fiddler), Lew Mele (bass), Jon Pilatzke (Celtic fiddler), Ben Riley (drummer), Bernie Senensky (pianist), Wendy Solomon (cellist), Lenny Solomon (Jazz violinist/founder/artistic director) and Kelli Trottier (Celtic fiddler).

BOWFIRE delivers an incredible live show thanks to the creative team behind the ensemble. Lenny Solomon, Bowfire's founder and artistic director, has built a strong reputation as one of the world's most skilled and innovative jazz violinists. He has toured extensively in the United States, Canada and Japan with The Lenny Solomon Trio, was a three-time winner of the annual Violinist of The Year Award presented by The National Jazz Awards and has appeared as a featured guest jazz soloist with many prestigious orchestras.

The creative team includes: award-winning stage director Stafford Arima who has an extensive list of credits in the musical theater world including *Guys and Dolls*, *Suessical-The Musical*, *Ragtime* and *Bright Lights Big City*; choreographer Patricia Wilcox who has created numbers for everything from Broadway shows to championship ice skaters and has taught master classes virtually around the world; scenic director David Kornis who has lent his creative talents in design to Broadway, film and television; lighting designer Ben Stanton who is based in New York City specializing in design for theater, dance, concerts and corporate events and renowned costume designer Karen Ann Ledger.

For more information on BOWFIRE and the upcoming tour, please visit www.bowfire.com.

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