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**ASTRAL ARTISTS PRESENTS THE PHILADELPHIA RECITAL DEBUT
OF VIOLINIST KRISTIN LEE**

Sunday, November 6, 2011 at 3:00pm

PHILADELPHIA, PA – Astral Artists presents the Philadelphia recital debut of violinist Kristin Lee on November 6, 2011 at 3pm at the Trinity Center for Urban Life (2212 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103). Ms. Lee is accompanied by Astral pianist Alexandre Moutouzkine in a wide-ranging program that includes Francis Poulenc's *Sonata for Violin and Piano, F12 (1918)*, John Adams' *Road Movies*, Eugène Ysaÿe's *Sonata No. 3 for Solo Violin, "Ballade," Op. 27*, Olivier Messiaen's *Thème et variations (1932)*, and Johannes Brahms' *Sonata No. 3 in D minor for Violin and Piano, Op. 108*. Tickets are \$18 for General Admission, \$16 for Senior Citizens, and \$5 for Students under 30 with I.D., and can be purchased by calling 215-735-6999 or by visiting AstralArtists.org.

"Kristin is a vivacious and musically sensitive artist, full of new ideas that immediately captivate. She is an extraordinary rising star and we are thrilled to present her Philadelphia recital debut," says Vera Wilson, Astral's Founder and President.

Ms. Lee is a winner of Astral Artists' 2010 National Auditions. She has been praised for her "rare stylistic aptness" and "mastery of tone and mood" (*The Strad*), and her "sense of melodic shaping that reflects an artistic maturity well beyond her years" (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*). Recent career highlights include a solo performance on the Ravinia Festival's *Rising Stars* series, performances at Lincoln Center as a member of Chamber Music Society Two, and appearances in Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Philadelphia's Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, the Metropolitan Museum and Steinway Hall's Salon de Virtuosi in New York, the Louvre Museum in Paris, and Korea's Kumho Art Gallery. She also has appeared as soloist with the Saint Louis, New Jersey, New Mexico, Modesto, Albany, Alexandria, and Macon symphonies, Orchestra Atlanta, the Rochester and Westchester philharmonics, and the Ural Philharmonic of Russia, Pusan Philharmonic, and the Korea Broadcast Symphony.

A native of Seoul, Korea, Ms. Lee was personally chosen by Itzhak Perlman to study with him, after he heard her perform Mendelssohn's *Violin Concerto* with Juilliard's Pre-College Symphony Orchestra. Ms. Lee also holds a Master's degree from The Juilliard School.

“I am thrilled to be making my Philadelphia debut recital for Astral Artists,” says Lee. “I put together a program that will show the qualities I hope to bring across to the audience as a violinist. It is versatile, virtuosic, and moving to the soul. It is also made up of my favorite works, including Olivier Messiaen’s *Theme and Variations*. It is a very special program for me.”

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Founded in 1992, **Astral Artists** is a non-profit organization that plays a vital role in the discovery and development of the nation’s most gifted classical musicians. Selected from a nationwide pool of applicants at competitive annual auditions, Astral artists are provided with invaluable career development guidance; debuts in Philadelphia and New York City; numerous performance opportunities via Astral’s critically-acclaimed concert series; collaborations with world-renowned musicians; auditions for major presenters, managers, and conductors; and world premières of compositions written for them and commissioned by Astral – **all at no cost to the artist**. Astral reaches approximately 10,000 community members annually through concerts and extensive community engagement programming. Astral’s impressive list of graduates includes soprano Angela Meade, bass-baritone Eric Owens, pianist Simone Dinnerstein, and cellist Mark Kosower. Highlights of Astral’s 2011-2012 season include *Spiritual Voyages*, a three-concert musical celebration of African-, Asian-, and Latin-American cultures sponsored by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, the *Philadelphia Brahms Festival* sponsored by the Leo Model Foundation and Jacobs Music, and the Philadelphia recital debuts of Astral pianist Alexandre Moutouzkine, violinist Kristin Lee, flutist Julietta Curenton, and soprano Yulia Van Doren. **For more information about Astral Artists, please call 215-735-6999 or visit AstralArtists.org.**

Note to Editors: A photograph of Ms. Lee is available upon request;
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