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**FESTIVAL STRINGS LUCERNE PERFORMS
 AT DUKE ELLINGTON SCHOOL OF THE ARTS**

WHO: Festival Strings Lucerne, established in Switzerland in 1956 and regarded as one of the world’s leading chamber orchestras. Known for their “golden sound” (*Washington Post*, 2003), the chamber ensemble performs regularly throughout the world.

WHAT: Festival Strings Lucerne will perform for and interact with the student body at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts. The Ellington performance concludes a five-city North American tour. This performance will feature the presentation of a new work *Stellen* for string ensemble, by Swiss contemporary composer Dieter Ammann.

WHEN: Monday, October 20, 2008
 9:30-10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Ellington Theatre
 Duke Ellington School of the Arts
 3500 R Street, NW
 Washington, DC 20007

WHY: The Swiss ensemble endeavors, as part of their artistic mission, to conduct outreach to young people, who are very receptive to contemporary and experimental music.

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Duke Ellington School of the Arts is an accredited college preparatory public school of the District of Columbia offering pre-professional training in museum studies, literary media, visual arts, dance, theater, technical design and production, instrumental and vocal music. Ellington offers students an educational experience that combines both academic studies and artistic development. Our vision is to meet the needs of talented students who are considering careers in the arts by providing intensive arts instruction of the highest quality and strong academic curriculum and to prepare students for post-secondary education and/or pre-professional careers. Ellington’s unique partnership with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and The George Washington University provides significant opportunities to the students, faculty and staff.

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