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## HUSBAND-AND-WIFE TEAM TO BRING UNIQUE “ELECTRIFY YOUR STRINGS” PRESENTATION TO WARHILL STUDENTS

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**Williamsburg, VA, March 9**—The internationally-

acclaimed husband and wife team of Mark Wood and Laura Kaye will bring their unique presentation, entitled “Electrify Your Strings,” to Warhill High School April 1-2, where they will conduct workshops with students that will culminate with a concert on April 2 at 7 p.m. featuring Warhill High School students to which the public is invited.

Mr. Wood is an award-winning composer, international recording artist, and electric violinist who is widely acknowledged as the premier electric rock violinist of his generation. Mark studied under maestro Leonard Bernstein at Tanglewood and attended the Juilliard School of Music on full scholarship, which he left to pursue his vision of bringing rock violin into the mainstream. He was a member of Trans-Siberian Orchestra for 13 years, receiving two platinum and three gold records from his work with them. He has toured and performed with Billy Joel, Celine Dion, Dee Snider’s Van Helsing’s Curse, Lenny Kravitz, Steve Vai, Roger Daltry of The Who and Jewel. He has won an Emmy award for music he composed for the Tour De France bike race on CBS-TV and has received three additional Emmy nominations for a variety of film and

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television projects, most notably for the music for the 1999 Winter Olympics opening show.

Laura Kaye's role with EYS is working with choir students during workshops, preparing them for the performance and auditioning soloists to be featured during the event. As a vocalist, Laura has a lyricism and musicality all her own and whose voice invokes the likes of Steven Tyler and Aretha Franklin. She has toured extensively as lead vocalist and songwriter for "The Laura Kaye Band," was a soloist for the 20-piece rock-and-roll choir "New Voices of Freedom," and has worked with James Brown **and** Aretha Franklin.

The "Electrify Your Strings" series of music education programs brings Mr. Wood's and Ms. Kaye's knowledge and expertise in the field of progressive string education to a much wider audience in the U.S. Educators across the country are realizing the importance of incorporating "American styles" teaching methods into their curriculum, and the "Electrify Your Strings" program is a successful example.

Mr. Wood's and Ms. Kaye's appearance at Warhill was made possible with a grant from a local private foundation for education and arts. The entire cost has been funded by this generous donor.

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