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STEPHEN ROBINSON SELECTED FOR 2004-2006 STATE OF FLORIDA TOURING PROGRAM

Tallahassee - The Florida Division of Cultural Affairs has once again selected guitarist **Stephen Robinson** for inclusion on the premier roster of the 2004-2006 Florida Touring Program. Created in 1979 by the Florida Department of State, the Program provides fee support to organizations while it brings the finest of Florida's performing artists to every corner of the state. Presenter applicants are eligible to receive one-third of **Robinson's** fee, and may also qualify to receive two-thirds of his fee if the performances occur in the under populated counties of Baker, Bradford, Calhoun, Columbia, DeSoto, Dixie, Flagler, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Glades, Gulf, Hamilton, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Nassau, Okeechobee, Putnam, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Wakulla, Walton, or Washington. The application deadline for Presenters is **May 3, 2004**.

Heralded by *The New York Times* for his "effortless virtuosity with intelligence and good taste," and by (Puerto Rico's) *El Nuevo Dia* as a "magnificent North American guitarist, full of virtuosity, magnificent technical precision, and a masterfully delivered diverse range of sound," **Stephen Robinson** has appeared as guest soloist with the Cincinnati Symphony and Boston Pops Orchestras, among others, and performs and conducts master classes at leading musical institutions and festivals worldwide. This season, he will perform throughout Florida, in the Southeast and Western United States, and in Germany. **Robinson's** many recordings for Centaur Records and Lakeside Records have received unanimous critical acclaim from *American Record, Guide, Soundboard, Guitar Review, On the Air* and *Fanfare Magazine*. He is Professor of Music at Stetson University, where he is the founding director of both the Guitar Program (since 1983) and the Stetson International Guitar Workshop (since 1991). Of his multi-faceted career, *Guitarra Magazine* says "**Robinson's** career as a teacher is well known. He founded and runs the guitar program at Stetson University, and his yearly International Guitar Workshop attracts artists from around the world. At the same time, he has won a bunch of competitions, recorded a score of CDs, and continues touring regularly. What you have with **Robinson** is a player who has married the two opposite ends of the guitar experience (teaching/performing) by finding a way to express the impetus for both simultaneously. It's a remarkable feat and one to aspire to.

For information on the Florida Touring Program, contact Dr. Gaylen Phillips 850-245-6470.
