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Classical Music Breakout Band **SWARMIOUS** to make Philadelphia debut at **CYBERSOUNDS**

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Presented by Temple University's Boyer College of Music and Dance

7:30 pm, Klein Recital Hall

FREE ADMISSION

San-Diego based **SWARMIOUS** combines hip-hop and metal with intimate chamber music and electronica. *"This is music that you can dance to or listen to, and that is at home in clubs, symphony halls or houses. It's funky, melodic, at times danceable and pushes the aesthetic envelope,"* says Jozefius (aka Joseph Waters) the band's composer and laptopist. *"My role model is Mozart, especially The Magic Flute, which debuted in a pub and manages to be simultaneously fun, sexy and sublime. Those are qualities that classical music needs more of, and I regard Wolfgang (we're on a 1st name basis in my dreams) — as my great mentor, along with Frank Zappa."*

A former resident of Philadelphia, Waters moved here after graduating from Yale in the early '80s. He quickly teamed up with **Dr. Linda Reichert** and together they co-founded **Network for New Music**, who is co-presenting SWARMIOUS at Temple. Currently Waters resides in San Diego, where he has a day-gig as professor of composition at San Diego State University.

The BAND

Comprised of **SAXIMUS** (saxophone), **Fiddlus el Gato** (violin), **Crotalius Redfoot** (percussion) and composer/laptop performer **Jozefius Vaatierz Rattus**, the quartet is committed to creating a contemporary classical music and contemporary dance that reflects and connects to the music in the streets, clubs, and bedrooms of today's world. Each of SWARMIOUS' members is a virtuoso in his own right.

The youngest members of the group, both barely thirty, are **SAXIMUS** (aka Todd Rewoldt) and **Fiddlus el Gato** (Felix Olschofka). SAXIMUS, the quartets' saxophonist, completed his Doctorate in Saxophone performance at the tender young age of 26 at the prestigious Eastman School of Music.

Fiddlus el Gato was a recording artist at the age of fourteen and was a star at the renowned Berliner Hochschule für Musik (Germany's best conservatory). He performed for the president of Germany at age nineteen, and concertized widely across Europe as a teenage prodigy.

He said, "Most of my friends are not musicians – they are fun, active, modern young professionals from all over the world. They love classical music intensely but also want new music in a language that speaks to our time, our interests, our passions. I want to make that music for them!" **SWARMIOUS** plays at diverse venues across the planet in places such as Beethoven's home in Bonn, Germany, The International Sax Congress, in Ljubljana, Slovenia, the Veneto Jazz Festival in Venice Italy, and rave club Rivolta in Marghera, Italy. They are working on their first CD/DVD release, due out in early 2008. Music Excerpts can be heard on myspace: <http://www.myspace.com/swarmius>