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## **BENEDUM TO OFFER MOZART SEMINAR IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA IN 1992**

DAYTON, Ohio -- Richard Benedum, professor of music at the University of Dayton, will offer a seminar on "Mozart: The Man, His Music and His Vienna" for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) in 1992. Fifteen humanities teachers will be chosen nationally to participate in the June 15 to July 10 seminar in Vienna, Austria.

This seminar is the third session on Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart that Benedum has offered for the NEH. For Benedum, teaching to "such an elite group of teachers has been a personally rewarding and fulfilling experience. Each teacher-participant has been so enthusiastic, so motivated to learn. When a participant would gain a new insight or make a new 'connection,' the smile on his or her face was the best kind of pay that I could have received."

The culture and tradition of Vienna greatly contribute to the success of the seminar, says Benedum. "For example, to be living in a hotel about a block and a half from where Mozart wrote his G Minor Symphony is the perfect introduction to study the work in seminar sessions.

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"The initial impetus for my interest in offering these Mozart seminars was, of course, to tie into the events of Mozart Anniversary Year, 1991. And I feel very fortunate to have gotten involved with other activities that focused on Mozart-- performances, producing some radio programs for WDPR-FM locally and other National Public Radio stations. But all of these activities have also served to deepen my knowledge and love of Mozart's music and of his life. Actually, I now like to think of him as my friend."

School faculty and staff members can receive application information by contacting Richard Benedum, c/o the UD Music Department at 229-3986, after Nov. 1.