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### ACCOMPLISHED JAZZ ARTIST DAVID MORGENROTH TO RELEASE NEW RECORDING

#### MISSOULA, MONTANA–

Accomplished Missoula jazz artist David Morgenroth releases a new recording this week. Entitled “Verdant,” the recording showcases original tunes by Morgenroth and others. The album also features notable Los Angeles jazz stars Bob Sheppard on soprano and tenor saxophones, Chris Colangelo on bass and Joe La Barbera on drums.

“Verdant” was recorded in Los Angeles, CA in May of 2010 and produced by the Eskie Records label. The CD is Morgenroth’s fourth solo release. Morgenroth has worked with many jazz greats through the years, including Chris Potter, Joe Williams, Freddie Hubbard, Gerry Mulligan and Lionel Hampton. He is known in Montana for his long-standing relationship with Buddy DeFranco and the Jazz Festival at the University of Montana, as well as his collaborative association with Eden Atwood. Morgenroth has been working for the last nearly three years on a doctorate in jazz piano at the renowned University of North Texas in Denton.

The CD contains eight tunes including Morgenroth’s compositions, “Barbara”, “Counterplot”, “Macanudo!”, “Meridian” and “Verdant”. Other tunes include “Estate” by Bruno Marino, “It’s Magic” by Jule Styne and Sammy Cahn, and “If You Could See Me Now” by Todd Dameron and Carl Sigman.

“Morgenroth’s classical music grounding underpins his playing. It’s full of the kind of lyrical sunshine and playful execution that are hallmarks of this very accomplished pianist. Prepare to be moved.” This statement appears in the album’s liner notes by Kirk Silsbee, a veteran Los Angeles arts journalist who specializes in jazz. His work has appeared in the Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles Magazine, Down Beat, and elsewhere.

About “Verdant”, Morgenroth comments, “I have looked forward to the release of this recording for some time. My sidemen are the best of the best of the Los Angeles music scene, which of course means they are world class. It was a thrill and an honor to record with them, and I believe listeners will truly enjoy the results.”

The CD is available for sale at <http://www.davidmorgenroth.com> or at Morgenroth Music Center or Rockin’ Rudy’s in Missoula. For photographs of the artist, contact David Morgenroth at 406.396.1428. A photograph of the album cover is attached.

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