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To Whom It May Concern:

As Program Chair for the National Flute Association, it is my honor to invite the renowned flutist Claudio Barile to the 39th Annual Flute Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina in August of 2011. Founded in 1972, the N.F.A. is the largest flute organization in the world with approximately 6,000 members from more than 50 countries, including leading soloists, orchestral players, college and university professors, adult amateurs and students of all ages. Since its conception, the N.F.A. Convention has hosted high-profile artists such as James Galway, Emmanuel Pahud, Jeanne Baxtresser, Louis Moyse, Julius Baker, and Jean-Pierre Rampal, among many others.

We are excited to feature Claudio Barile at the 2011 Convention as our only invited artist from Buenos Aires. As a non-profit, the N.F.A relies on the selfless service of countless flutists. We rely completely on the generosity of the individual in addition to local sponsorships to make the convention a success. The attendance of Claudio Barile will bring attention to and aid in connecting the international flute world. All performances will be at prominent times and locations to bring optimum attention to his talents, and his attendance will be advertised to all members of the organization.

The N.F.A. was founded to encourage a higher standard of artistic excellence for the flute, its performers, and its literature. The theme for the 2011 Convention, "Unity and Diversity: Many Flutists, One World," seeks to bridge the gap between world musics and supports the goal of an international community. Claudio Barile is the perfect fit to move that goal forward.

Respectfully yours,

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