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**STATE STREET STRENGTHENS ITS MUSICAL TIES WITH THE 5TH VICTOR HUGO FESTIVAL
WITH ITS SPONSORSHIP OF THE NASH ENSEMBLE CONCERT**

News Release

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The Nash Ensemble, one of the world's great chamber music groups, is part of the 5th Victor Hugo Festival programme and will be performing a concert on Wednesday 22nd September 2010 at St. James' Concert & Assembly Hall sponsored by State Street Fund Services (Guernsey).

Founded in 1964 by Amelia Freedman MBE, and named after the beautiful Nash terraces that surround the Royal Academy of Music where Ms Freedman was studying, the Nash Ensemble combines the experience of outstanding, long-established players with the vitality of some of Britain's best young instrumentalists. Recently described by The Times newspaper "The Nash Ensemble is still the best champion that any composer could hope to have. Perhaps it is precisely because the ensemble is not entirely dedicated to doing contemporary work that it can radiate so persuasive a feeling of new pieces being assimilated into chamber-music heritage stretching back two centuries or more."

2010 marks the second Victor Hugo Festival that State Street (Guernsey) has supported and further endorses their commitment to encouraging people to experience the joy of music. "With over 40 years of performing experience and in excess of 250 premières, the Nash Ensemble remains a consistently fresh group of musicians that has performed worldwide and who have a reputation for polish, excellence, fun and effortless mastery." Said Gerald Hough, Managing Director of State Street. "The quality of the Victor Hugo Festival programme belongs on the international stage. The founder and driving force behind the Festival, Richard de la Rue, has worked tirelessly and his contribution to the arts has been recognised by being awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours' earlier this month. It gives State Street great pleasure to support Richard, the 5th Victor Hugo Festival and the arts in general in Guernsey."

The 5th Victor Hugo Festival will take place from Monday 20th to Saturday 25th September 2010 and this year's programme includes such international musicians as tenor John Mark Ainsley, the award winning Ebène String Quartet, baroque violinist Nadja Zwiener, the Nash Ensemble and the David Le Page Trio explore the life and work of Mervyn Peake. Pianist Lucy Parham will be joined by well known actors Martin Jarvis and Joanna David in a dramatic presentation of classical music's most romantic love story between Robert and Clara Schumann. Val Wiseman and the Brian Dee Quartet conclude the literary theme with a musical tribute to the lives and passions of the Brontës.

**For full details on the 5th Victor Hugo Festival, visit www.victorhugofestival.com
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