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Quick Facts:

Event: Arizona Musicfest Young Artists Concert

Date: Sunday, October 25, 2009

Time: 3 p.m.

Artists: Finalists, Arizona Musicfest Young Musicians Competition

Program: Classical selections, including Koussevitzky, Tchaikovsky, Liszt, Mozart

Location: The Chapel at Pinnacle Presbyterian Church, 25150 North Pima Road, Scottsdale, 85255

Tickets, available at the door: Children under 18, FREE; Adults \$10

Information: Call Arizona Musicfest at (480) 488-0806 or visit azmusicfest.org

Arizona Musicfest presents the 17th Annual Young Artists Concert

August 27, 2009 – Carefree, Arizona – Arizona Musicfest presents the 17th Annual Dil & Louise Dilatush Young Artists Concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 25, in the Chapel at Pinnacle Presbyterian Church. The concert salutes Arizona's finest young classical artists and features performances by Arizona Musicfest Young Musicians Competition winners.

The Competition draws promising school-age musicians from around the State to perform before a panel of distinguished judges. "I can truly say that, musically speaking, the world is in good hands" commented Andrea Terhune, Chairman of the Competition, as she awarded the prizes last spring. Finalists from the Competition earn an invitation to perform at the Young Artists Concert.

Jeanelle Brierley, violin; Jamil Muhammad, piano; Chaz Salazar, flute; Josephine Yang, piano; Stefan Kohli, oboe; Thomas Menefee, double bass; and the Dolce Quartet (Marcie Kolacki, cello; Jennifer Chiang, flute; Abigail Reeves, viola; Christa Cook, violin) will perform, as soloists or ensembles, selections from Tchaikovsky, Liszt, Mozart, and other popular composers. For aficionados of the double-bass, there will be pieces by Koussevitzky.

The instrumentalists will be joined by two of the Valley's promising young opera singers, Rebecca Zaner, soprano, and Sean Smeed, baritone.

"The virtuosity and emotion of the young artists' performances is something that really should be experienced" said Irene O'Hare, Chairman of the Young Artists Concert, "especially in the 'jewel box' setting of the Chapel, where every seat feels like front row, center."

The afternoon's program of classical selections creates an engaging and inspiring experience for young concert-goers, age five and up, who will enjoy the ten minute segments performed by each artist. Free tickets for students under eighteen make this a wonderful opportunity to introduce children to live music. And, students who already play instruments may find that attending the Young Artists Concert will encourage them to take their practice to a higher level.

Young Artists Concert student tickets are free for children under the age of 18. Adult tickets are \$10, available at the door. There will be a "Meet the Artists" reception following the concert. The Chapel at Pinnacle Presbyterian Church is located at 25150 North Pima Road, Scottsdale, 85255 (NW corner of Pima & Happy Valley Road). Call Arizona Musicfest at (480) 488-0806 or visit www.azmusicfest.org for more information.

The Dil and Louise Dilatush Young Artists Concert was named to honor two beloved supporters of Arizona Musicfest. Dil and Louise had a special interest in promoting young artists and frequently provided direct financial assistance to talented local musicians in need of a helping hand. This concert was always one of their favorite events. Their daughter Gayle Dilatush continues to support the Young Artists Concert.