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ROSIE'S HOUSE STUDENT CHAZ SALAZAR WINS \$10,000 SCHOLARSHIP, CHOSEN FOR NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO'S "FROM THE TOP" BROADCAST

Students From Tuition-Free Music Academy to Perform Concert, Dec. 4

(PHOENIX, AZ) - Chaz Salazar, a 16-year-old flute student at Rosie's House, a Music Academy for Children, will be the centerpiece of **A Celebration Concert: A Performance By Children** on Thursday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. at Kendall Hall at Central United Methodist Church, 1875 N. Central Ave.

The annual holiday concert features students from the non-profit tuition-free music academy for low-income children in downtown Phoenix in solo performances of classical and light classical repertoire on a variety of instruments. There is no admission charge to the concert.

Salazar, who will perform Ibert's Concerto for Flute, has been selected by the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation to receive a \$10,000 Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Scholarship Award. He is among 25 young artists to receive the award.

As part of the award, National Public Radio (NPR) will broadcast a recording of Salazar's performance on the radio show, "From The Top" on KBAQ 89.5 FM at 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 1, 2009. Students chosen for the scholarship and the performance are selected based on exceptional musical talent, financial need and solid academic achievement.

"This is an inspiring concert that truly illustrates why music is the most important and long-lasting gift we can give children," said Rosie's House Executive Director Becky Bell. "The concert will feature incredibly talented students who, when afforded the opportunity, have excelled musically. These students have overcome great hardships and are making dedicated changes in their lives to be successful musicians and productive citizens."

In addition to Salazar, other students performing at the concert include piano students Jamil Muhammad, Paula Alejandro and Claudia Sansen; voice students Bianca Arenas, Erin Wendler, Knoelle Ashe, and Marissa San Chavez-Morrison; flute students Kiera Ezell, Jeaneth Diaz and Esli Carrillo; cello student Alex Nunn; guitar student Alexandra Bullard and a Saxophone Quartet comprised of Marvin Scott, Joseph Amos, Annalee Ramirez and Stephen Dixon. Selections include works by Handel, Liszt, Bach and Rossini.

About Rosie's House: A Music Academy for Children:

Rosie's House was founded in 1996 by Rosebell Schurz. Growing up in Munich during World War II, Rosebell's passion for playing the violin was overcome by the sad circumstances of the war. She founded Rosie's House in a small house in South Phoenix to give children from low-income families the chance to experience the beauty of music in their lives. Our mission is to provide under-served youth of Greater Phoenix with the gift of music, which enhances their daily lives by providing direction, stability and tools for future success. The academy offers over 300 group and private lessons a week in string instruments, piano, brass and woodwind instruments, and a variety of ensembles (including chorus).

More info www.rosieshouse.org

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