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Music Student Chaz Salazar Awarded \$30,000 in College Scholarships; Senior Recital at Rosie's House a Benefit to Fill \$10,000 Funding Gap *South Phoenix Flutist to Attend Indiana University Jacobs School of Music*

(Phoenix, AZ) – 17-year old flutist Chaz Salazar's Senior Recital will be much more than his final performance as a music student at Rosie's House: A Music Academy for Children.

Salazar, who has received many awards and opportunities during including studying with Robert Langevin, principal flutist of the New York Philharmonic, and performing twice on the National Public Radio Program, "From the Top," hopes the performance will help him fill in the final \$10,000 for the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, one of the nation's finest music school, this fall.

The performance is at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 20 at Central Methodist Church, 1875 North Central Ave. in Phoenix. Rosie's House is one of the only community music schools in the nation providing free music lessons and instruments to inner-city children ages 5-18 to study music in a rigorous afterschool program with dedicated music instructors.

Salazar has been awarded more than \$30,000 in scholarships including the Premier Young Artist Award Scholarship and the Jacobs School of Music Access Grant, but is still short. At Indiana, he will study with flutist Thomas Robertello at the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University.

Salazar credits his instruction the past five years at Rosie's House for his musical success. Because of economic limitations, studying flute with a private instructor was only a dream for Salazar, so his band teacher, who recognized his incredible potential and talent, recommended that Salazar audition for Rosie's House.

His dream became a reality.

"Finding a student that is so accomplished coming from such severe economic conditions is inspiring," said Lisa Utzinger, Manager of Scholarship Programs for NPR's *From the Top*. "Without programs like Rosie's House these talented students would never be able to realize their potential."

"Even though all of our students are special in their commitment and drive to be successful, Chaz has a gift that really sets him apart," said Becky Bell, Rosie's House Executive Director. "To be able to take his education to the next level, at one of the finest music colleges in the country, speaks volumes about what he has the potential to achieve in the years ahead."

Salazar is ecstatic about his opportunity at Indiana University, "I can now get the best training possible to fulfill my dream of sharing the gift, power and will of music with the world," he said.

He hopes to one day be the principal flutist with the New York Philharmonic.

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.