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ROSIE'S HOUSE PRESENTS GREAT PERFORMERS' CONCERT FEATURING STUDENTS THAT EXCELL DESPITE ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS

10 Students From Free Music Academy to Perform Concert, May 11

(PHOENIX, AZ): Sisters Samantha and Set Carrillo, and siblings Paula and Freddie Alejandro, all students at Rosie's House: A Music Academy for Children, will join six other featured performers at the **Great Performers' Concert**, Monday, May 11, 2009 at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall at Steele Indian School Park, 300 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix.

The annual Great Performers' Concert features the top ten Rosie's House students from low-income families who earned the honor through an adjudicated competition. Rosie's House teaches more than 250 students. There is no admission charge for the event.

Other students performing at the concert include piano students James Lee, 12, and Malcolm Temple, 16; violin student Hadit Melendez, 13; cello student Alex Nunn, 16; clarinet student Adelina Armenta, 18 and flute student Chaz Salazar, 17. Selections include works by Haydn, Bach, Gershwin, and Beethoven.

Paula, 15, and Freddie, 13, and Samantha, 15, and Set, 14, will perform classical works for solo piano. Five Carrillo children attend Rosie's House.

"It is amazing to watch the changes in the children as they become more and more involved in music. As you know studying music has been shown to impact success in all academics – because it motivates and teaches students to be active learners," said Rosie's House Executive Director Becky Bell. "The Carrillo children have overcome great hardships and are making dedicated changes in their lives to be successful musicians and productive citizens."

Esli Carrillo, the oldest sibling, is graduating this year will be the first in the family to attend college. Esli, a senior at South Mountain High School, studies flute at Rosie's House.

About Rosie's House

Founded in 1996, Rosie's House is a tuition-free music academy for children ages 5 to 18. 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. Our academy offers group and private lessons in string instruments, piano, brass and woodwind instruments, a variety of ensembles (including chorus) and performance opportunities for students. For more information about our non-profit organization, visit www.rosieshouse.org.

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