



## News Release

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### **ROSIE'S HOUSE MUSIC STUDENTS JAMIL MUHAMMAD AND CHAZ SALAZAR EXCEL DESPITE ECONOMIC BARRIERS,**

*Jamil Muhammad, Chaz Salazar as well as 10 Students  
From Free Music Academy to Perform Concert May 11*

(PHOENIX, AZ): Jamil Muhammad, a 15-year-old piano student and Chaz Salazar, a 17-year old flute student at Rosie's House: A Music Academy for Children, will be the centerpiece of the **Great Performers' Concert**, Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall at Steele Indian School Park, 300 East Indian School Rd, Phoenix.

After the May concert, Jamil Muhammad will join music students from around the world, and all fifty states, at the Interlochen Summer Music Program in Michigan. Jamil received the prestigious Emerson Scholar Award that makes attending the camp financially possible. Jamil is ecstatic to expand his musical and social horizons. "The opportunity to travel, learn new musical disciplines, and build friendships with students from all over the world," said Jamil Muhammad. "What more could I ask for."

17-year old Flutist Chaz Salazar has been accepted at the renowned Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. Salazar has performed on "From the Top" a National Public Radio program that features talented young musicians. From the program, he received the need-based Jack Kent Cooke Award, and plans to use the funding to offset tuition costs. He also received scholarship awards from Indiana University. "All of these accomplishments could not have been achieved without private lessons from Rosie's House," said Chaz Salazar. "I want to go on to be a professional musician, not only in the concert hall, but everywhere else, to touch all who would not have the chance to experience the joy of music."

The annual Great Performers' Concert features the top twelve Rosie's House students from low-income families who have earned the honor to perform through an adjudicated competition. There is no admission charge for the event. Rosie's House teaches more than 275 students in downtown Phoenix.

"At Rosie's House, our students learn much more than just the musical notes on a page. They learn to perform, create and achieve great things," said Rosie's House Artistic Director Becky Bell. "Our students have overcome great hardships and are making dedicated efforts in their lives to be successful musicians and productive citizens. At our Great Performers' Concert we celebrate our students' success and hear their amazing talents. "

### About Rosie's House

Founded in 1996, Rosie's House is a free music academy for children ages 5 to 18 in downtown Phoenix. 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 individual lessons in string instruments, piano, brass and woodwind instruments, a variety of ensembles (including chorus) and performance opportunities for students. For more information about the non-profit organization, visit [www.rosieshouse.org](http://www.rosieshouse.org).

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