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Thousand Oaks Philharmonic Opens Recital Hall with Series of Public Recitals **March 20, 21 & 22, 2009**

Paseo Market Place in Westlake Village is the site of the new recital hall. The TO Phil continues its pioneering efforts to provide exciting performance opportunities for the region's young artists

WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CALIF., March 5, 2009 – The Thousand Oaks Philharmonic announces the opening of a new recital hall in the Paseo Market Place in Westlake Village. The Recital Hall is located at 3749 E. Thousand Oaks Boulevard. Principals at the Paseo Market Place offered the site to the performing arts group in support of the Philharmonic's mission to give solo performance opportunities to young artists in the region with the professional orchestra it sponsors. The Thousand Oaks Philharmonic, a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, offers an annual series of three concerts performed at Camarillo United Methodist Church and then repeated at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza. Additional sponsored performances have included solo and chamber music recitals given by young artists throughout the year, usually held in private homes. The new Recital Hall will be the future central performance venue for these solo and chamber music performances. Keyboard Concepts of Agoura Hills has provided the Thousand Oaks Philharmonic the use of a German-made Schimmel concert grand piano for all performances.

The grand opening of the Recital Hall will be during the weekend of March 20, 21, & 22, when a series of solo recitals will be presented. Several alumni soloists with the Philharmonic will be part of *The Solo Recital Project 3* series, celebrating the new Recital Hall and as a fund-raiser for the Philharmonic. Suggested donations will be collected at the door prior to each recital: \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students and seniors (60+).

"We thought it would be a great benefit for these talented and committed soloists, their guests and the Ventura County community if the Thousand Oaks Philharmonic had its own recital hall," said Klara Bergman, Community Relations Director for Paseo Market Place. "We are so excited to be able to share this opportunity with the Thousand Oaks Philharmonic, as music is an integral component of a child's life and we hope others open their hearts and wallets with similar opportunities."

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The first recital in The Solo Recital 3 series will start at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening, continuing on Saturday and Sunday, scheduled approximately every 90 minutes beginning at 2 p.m. Please check the website for up-to-date scheduling and soloist information. Currently, all performers are pianists, and each will play a solo recital. The soloists are: Yasha Yahknis, 16 of Newbury Park, Michael Aspinwall, 15 of Calabasas, Sydni Adler, 18 of Agoura Hills, Daniel Lessler, 18 of Somis, Landon Baumgard, 21 of Moorpark, Bruno Ferrari, 18, of Ojai, Andrew and Jason Chen, 16 of Oak Park, Vivian Shen, 15, of Agoura Hills, and Alexander Agate, 14, of Moorpark.

For more information on any of the Thousand Oaks Philharmonic's programs, the finalized schedule for The Solo Recital 3 series, or to support the opportunities it creates for local youth, please visit the web site, www.tophil.org, contact the office at 805.376.2485, or Mr. Edward Francis via email at edwardfrancis@roadrunner.com. For information about auditions, please visit the website and click the link auditions@tophil.org.

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