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### **RECITAL TO BENEFIT VENTURA COUNTY'S YOUNG ARTISTS**

**CAMARILLO, Calif.** (Oct. 12, 2011) – Emerging musical talents will perform a classical recital from 3 to 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 23, to benefit the Young Artists Scholarship Fund at the Ventura County Community Foundation and the Thousand Oaks Philharmonic.

Open to the public, the recital will take place at the Conejo Valley home of the philharmonic's founder, Ed Francis. The address and directions will be provided with a reservation confirmation.

With its goal of "send our best to the best," the Young Artists Scholarship Fund has helped seven Ventura County artists attend the school of their dreams since it was founded at the Community Foundation in 2009. Past recipients are studying theater at Northwestern University, majoring in double bass performance at Boston Conservatory and pursuing a degree in illustration at California College of the Arts in San Francisco. Young artists in any discipline are eligible to apply for the award.

"The best possible training is the key to allowing artists to actually make a living creating art," said Hugh J. Ralston, VCCF president and CEO. "We hope the artists who receive these scholarships will return to Ventura County and delight us with their talents for years to come."

The Thousand Oaks Philharmonic was founded in December 2000 to provide exceptional music students in Ventura County the opportunity to be featured as soloists with a professional orchestra.

Performing at the fund-raiser will be Kevin Ye on violin, Shasha Mitrushina on clarinet and pianists Amanda Zhou, Mike Ambrose and Michael Aspinwall. Selections include Weber Clarinet Concerto No. 2, Bruch Violin Concerto, Mozart Sonata for Piano Duet, K. 497 and Rachmaninoff Etudes-Tableaux.

The cost is \$75 and includes the recital, hors d'oeuvres, desserts and beverages.

To make reservations, call or email Jerusha Schmalzel at (805) 988-0196, Ext. 132 or [jschmalzel@vccf.org](mailto:jschmalzel@vccf.org). Register online at <http://vccf.ejoinme.org/youngartists>. Or mail a check to the Thousand Oaks Philharmonic at P.O. Box 4195, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359.

To find out more about the Young Artists Scholarship, click on <http://vccf.org/scholarship/yasf/index.shtml>.

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