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Pursuit of a Dream

Dear Conservatory Society Members,

An offer of admission to the San Francisco Conservatory of Music is validation of a high level of musical achievement. It is also the dream of a lifetime for many of our collegiate students from more than 30 countries.

Our students are among the best and brightest. Accepting an offer of admission to the San Francisco Conservatory of Music is a pivotal point in the lives of young musicians. By taking this action, they have committed themselves to a period of rigorous academic and musical training.

But we all know that the cost of higher education is quickly rising beyond the means of many young people. And our students are no exception.

Your Conservatory Society membership directly supports the Conservatory's educational programs and provides financial aid for our students. Our students are immensely grateful to you for helping make their education possible. On behalf of our students who have come to us from around the world, I extend my fondest appreciation to you. Your participation is greatly valued.

I believe that higher education and the arts are worthy of my support. I thank you for joining me and your Conservatory Society colleagues in this noble endeavor.

All the best,

Marie-José Baum
Chair

Fifth Annual Fanfare Luncheon



above, left to right: Rebecca-Sen Chan, Delia Fleishhacker Ehrlich, Marie-José Baum, Luncheon Chair Monique Apatoff and Deepa Pakianathan show their support at the Fanfare Luncheon.



right: Alumna guest of honor, soprano Lise Lindstrom and faculty member Tim Bach enchanted guests with opera selections.

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TEMPO LEVEL \$1,000 – \$2,499

- **Fanfare Luncheon**

Thursday, January 22, 2009
11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.—Concert Hall stage
Featuring distinguished alumna
Yuliya Gorenman, piano
Deepa Pakianathan, chair
*Special announcement: 2010 Fanfare Luncheon
will feature alumnus Chester Patton, voice*

- **Open Classroom Days**

Wednesday, November 5, 2008—fall semester
Week of March 16, 2009—spring semester
Attend selected collegiate classes, lessons,
coachings, rehearsals & lunch with students
and faculty members

LYRIC LEVEL \$2,500 – \$4,999

(Includes all previous benefits as well as the following)

- **Spring Opera Opening Night
performance & private reception**

Offenbach's *Orpheus in the Underworld*
Thursday, April 2, 2008
6:30 p.m.—Private reception
7:30 p.m.—Opera

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(Includes all previous benefits as well as the following)

- **Tutoring à la carte**

Private invitation for you and three guests to
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rehearsal of your choice during the academic year

- **Reserved parking during selected performances**

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(Includes all previous benefits as well as the following)

- **President's Reception**

Thursday, May 21, 2009
6:00 p.m.
Concert Hall stage
Maura Morey, chair

- **Complimentary parking during selected
performances**

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benefits directly in return for your gift. The above
opportunities are designed to encourage you to experience
the remarkable talent of our students and faculty. The full
amount of your contribution will be tax deductible.*

Conservatory News

Hilda Huang, 12 year old piano student of John McCarthy, just received a 2008 Davidson Fellowship of \$25,000 for her study and performance of the music of J.S. Bach. She is one of three musicians and the youngest in the country named a Davidson Fellow this year. The scholarship is for gifted students in all areas, and generally granted in the sciences. Hilda and Mr. McCarthy will travel to the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. in September to receive her award. This is the first time a student from the Bay Area as received this honor since its inception. In the Preparatory Division, Hilda also studies harpsichord with Corey Jamason and musicianship with Jonathan Russell.



Alumnus **Julio Elizalde** (B.M. piano, '05), as a member of the N-E-W Trio (pictured, middle), won the coveted 2008 Grand Prize of the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition and the Gold Medal in the Senior String Division. In addition to winning over \$10,000 in prize money, the trio will participate in a Winner's Tour of the Midwestern United States in October, and will perform several concerts in the Emilia Romagna Festival in Italy in 2009. Julio shared with us, "The great chamber



music influence that I took away from SFCM has definitely contributed to this success." www.newtrio.com

Faculty violinist **Axel Strauss** has finished recording the 24 *Caprices* by Pierre Rode (a Beethoven contemporary) on the Naxos label. The CD, Strauss's first with Naxos, is scheduled for a fall release. The music is a charming set of unaccompanied pieces, a staple of the violin repertoire never recorded. This June, he and guitar faculty chair **David Tanenbaum**, soprano **Hila Plitmann** and composer/pianist **Aaron Jay Kernis** recorded Kernis's *Two Awakenings and a Double Lullaby*; a work commissioned by the Conservatory for its inaugural year, 2006.



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In honor of Gordon Getty

*for his exceedingly generous support
of the Conservatory*

Monday, June 22, 2009

Hosted by Frederica von Stade

with special guest appearances by
Dame Kiri Te Kanawa
Zheng Cao

and other distinguished guests

Jan Buckley, chair

Be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime evening.

To reserve your tickets now please contact Trista Cunningham
at tcunningham@sfcu.edu or 415.503.6291.



President's Reception

Conservatory Society & Corporate Council Ovation Level members gather on the Concert Hall stage for a reception and short performance at the President's Reception in May. Renowned flutist Paula Robison, distinguished guest of honor, received an honorary doctorate the next day at Commencement ceremonies.

left to right: Co-chairs Matthew and Dana Raphaelson, Paula Robison and Conservatory President Colin Murdoch

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