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CAL PHIL ANNOUNCES SUMMER SEASON OF "SUMMER MAGIC"

Subscriptions and individual tickets available for Cal Phil Festival on the Green and Cal Phil at Walt Disney Concert Hall

SAN MARINO, Calif. There's a reason over 4000 music lovers from throughout Southern California regularly include Cal Phil Festival on the Green at The Arboretum in Arcadia on their list of "must visit" summer destinations. As the upcoming season's brochure for Cal Phil Festival on the Green and Cal Phil at Walt Disney Concert Hall in downtown Los Angeles proudly proclaims, "Whichever venue you choose, you'll laugh, learn and live the music like never before."

"This is our best, most exciting season yet," says Dr. Victor Vener, founder and music director of the California Philharmonic. "Of course, I say this every season – but it's absolutely true. Cal Phil just keeps getting better and better."

The 2009 "Summer Magic" season will open on June 27 at The Arboretum and June 28 at Walt Disney Concert Hall with "By George!" featuring works by famous 'Georges' from George Handel to George Gershwin. Upcoming productions also include "Basically Beatles" on July 11 and 12, with the world renowned Beatles cover band, The Fab Four; "Swords and Chivalry" on July 25 and 26, which will explore music of courage, daring and romance, from Braveheart and Camelot to Kiss Me Kate ; "Movie Magic" on August 8 and 9, with excerpts from blockbuster soundtracks from classics like Gone With the Wind to 2008 Academy Award winning The Curious Case of Benjamin Button; and Broadway's Best, highlighting moments from Tony-award winning productions ranging from Wicked, Mamma Mia!, Gypsy and Hairspray to The Merry Widow and Die Fledermaus.

"The special 'summer magic' of Cal Phil is that we truly offer something for everyone," says Tom O'Connor, Executive Director. "And when it comes to music you've never experienced before, there's no one better to guide you on your journey than our Maestro. He has a doctorate in musicology...but he also has a great sense of humor. It's a magical combination."

Entering into the equation as well is a roster of renowned guest artists. These include soprano Henrietta Davis and bass baritone Cedric Berry, on June 27 and 28; The Fab Four and organist Phil Smith on July 11 and 12; Pipe and drum band Cabar Feidh and pianist Robert Thies on July 25 and 26; violinist Armen Anassian on August 8 and 9; and soprano Khori Dastoor and tenor Danny Gurwin on August 22 and 23.

"Hopefully you've received a brochure in your mailbox," says Cal Phil's composer-in-residence Roger Allen Ward, whose Symphony No. 1 will receive its World Premiere on July 11 and 12. "But don't hesitate to contact us, if you haven't." Season brochures are available, simply by visiting Cal Phil at 1120 Huntington Drive in San Marino or calling 626.300.8200.

Performances at Cal Phil Festival on the Green start at 7:30 p.m., with the gates of The Arboretum opening at 5:30 p.m. for picnicking. The Arboretum is located at 301 North Baldwin Avenue in Arcadia. Tickets range from \$20 to \$95, with subscriptions available for 3 concerts or 5 concerts. To purchase tickets for Cal Phil Festival on the Green, call 626.300.8200 or visit www.calphil.org. Box office hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Sunday afternoon matinee performances at Cal Phil at Walt Disney Concert Hall begin at 2 p.m., with pre-concert "Talks with the Maestro" at 1 p.m. Walt Disney Concert Hall. Walt Disney Concert Hall is located at 111 South Grand Avenue in Los Angeles. Tickets range from \$25 to \$90, with subscriptions available for 3 concerts or 5 concerts. To purchase tickets, call 213.365.3500 or visit www.ticketmaster.com. Box office hours are from noon till 6 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday (March through June 7); noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday (June 9 through August); and on concert Sundays from noon till 2:30 p.m.

In 1995, Music Director and Conductor Victor Vener and a small group of enthusiastic, dedicated music lovers based in Pasadena, California founded The CalPhil Foundation. The Foundation, a nonprofit community benefit organization, supports the California Philharmonic in its quest to expand awareness of classical music, thus increasing the interest and support for great timeless music with wide audience appeal, from the classical and operatic repertoire to diverse genres of jazz, pops, Hollywood and Broadway. Also, with a strong commitment to new music and to expanding the symphonic repertoire, the California Philharmonic has presented numerous world premieres of both orchestral and chamber works.

The California Philharmonic began in 1997 with a five-concert inaugural summer season of Cal Phil Festival on the Green on the grounds of the Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden in Arcadia. Now, Cal Phil presents twenty-four concerts per year in five different, but equally impressive, venues throughout Los Angeles County. These series include Cal Phil at Walt Disney Concert Hall (downtown Los Angeles), Cal Phil at the Ambassador (Pasadena), Cal Phil Music, Martinis and the Maestro (Castle Green Hotel in Pasadena), Cal Phil Festival on the Green, and Cal Phil at The Mill (The Old Mill in San Marino). For more information, visit www.calphil.org or call 626.300.8200.

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