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New Symphony Board President Credits Son with Leading the Way
Dr. Michael Zigelman heads new San Luis Obispo Symphony Board of Directors

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA—Stating that musically, he is following in his son’s footsteps, Dr. Michael Zigelman of Arroyo Grande is the new SLO Symphony Board of Directors President for fiscal 2009-10. Formerly the full-time Medical Director for Mission Medical Associates, Dr. Zigelman has been a medical management consultant since 2000. When his son graduated from the Youth Symphony (YS) six years ago, Zigelman helped with the merger of YS and SLO Symphony and has been a board member since that time.

“I love the Symphony not only for the excellence and culture it brings to our community,” he said, “but also for its role in bringing educational opportunities to our young musicians that simply would not exist without it.”

Local attorney June McIvor is the new board’s vice-president. “June has a well-earned reputation for intelligence, wisdom, and dedication to her community,” said Zigelman. “A perfect fit for the Symphony Board.”

Joining Zigelman and McIvor are: nutritionist Victoria Schmidt, Secretary; Van Beurden Insurance Services owner Clé van Beurden, Treasurer; ophthalmologist Dr. Mark Sherman, Parliamentarian and community volunteer Sandy Dunn, Past President. New Board Members include: Cindy Marie Absey, Director SLO County Victim/Witness Assistance Program; Aaron Baker MD, physician; and Michael E. Walker, PhD, Cuesta College professor.

Returning board members are: Marian Anderson, First Bank of SLO; Remonia Ashmore, Sierra Vista Hospital; musician representatives Linda Ashworth and Margaret Berrio; Jim Black, software consultant; Steve Bland, event planner; John Conway, Sr. Vice President & Chief Nuclear Officer PG&E; Dianne Draze, community volunteer; Gael Brown Humphrey, owner Wear in the World; Paul Kwong, chef Embassy Suites; Ken Pettit, owner Big Images; Gabriel Quiroz, General Manager Univision 38; Richard Summers, Summers Real Estate; Peggy Peterson, Emeritus, community volunteer.

Since 1961, the San Luis Obispo Symphony has grown from fledgling community orchestra to thriving cultural presence that has toured Spain, Australia, and the U.S., championed the work of Craig H. Russell on three continents, and played such well-known venues as Carnegie Hall, the Sydney Opera House, and the Walt Disney Concert Hall. Symphony Music Education programs reach 16,000 children and adults each year. The Symphony’s 49th season will begin this September with the always-popular Pops by the Sea on Labor Day Weekend. For more information, call (805) 543-3533 or log onto www.slosymphony.com.

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