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Rabobank Brings Music Education to 16,000 County-wide Each Year

SLO Symphony thanks signature music education sponsor for longstanding support

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA—Fully one quarter of the San Luis Obispo Symphony’s annual budget goes to support its extensive Music Education Programs. More than 16,000 children and adults take part in one or more of these programs, based on California State educational standards, every year. Rabobank has been a generous Symphony supporter for more than 10 years, and have now expanded their support to an annual donation of \$10,000, earning the Symphony’s sincerest thanks, plus the proud designation “Signature Music Education Sponsor.”

Nine distinct programs comprise the Symphony’s music education continuum, including Everyday Etudes, Strings in the Schools, The Music Van, and a range of professional training and performance opportunities through the Symphony and Youth Symphony.

“When you consider the way schools are struggling, especially in the current economy, these programs become critically important,” said Symphony Executive Director, Sandi Sigurdson. “Rabobank’s continuing generosity helps us to fill that ever-increasing need.”

Perhaps most recognized for their support of the Symphony’s immensely popular pre-concert dress rehearsals, Rabobank has sponsored the “No Ties Allowed! Free Dress Rehearsals” since 1997. Last year, more than 5,000 people stood in line outside the PAC to attend these casual and entertaining afternoons of music.

For more information about the San Luis Obispo Symphony, the upcoming concert season, their music education programs, and the “No Ties Allowed!” series, call (805) 543-3533 or log on to www.slosymphony.com.

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