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Third Annual Young Artists Competition Set for Mondavi Center

June 1, 2007; Davis, California—Young classical instrumentalists and vocalists will have the opportunity to compete for cash scholarships of up to \$3,000 in the third annual **Young Artists Competition** this fall at the **Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts** at **UC Davis**. The deadline for applications is November 1, 2007.

Open to pianists, instrumentalists, and chamber ensembles enrolled in grades 4-12 and vocalists enrolled in grades 9-12, the competition will be judged by jurors including **Lara Downes**, pianist and Artist in Residence, Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts; **Sheri Greenawald**, soprano, **San Francisco Opera Center**; members of the **Cypress String Quartet**, Ensemble in Residence at **San Jose State University**; **Aileen James**, former president of the **American Pianists Association**; and **Tim Rolek**, artistic director of the **Sacramento Opera** and **Lake Tahoe Music Festival**. Winners will receive cash prizes, performance opportunities, and summer study scholarships.

To apply, interested young musicians should submit a high-quality recording on compact disc (CD-R) containing two contrasting selections: one from the Baroque or Classical periods and one from the Romantic or Contemporary (post-1900) periods. Recordings should not be edited, and only continuous performances of entire works or movements should be submitted. CDs should be marked clearly with the performer's name and phone number, and details of the repertoire included. Complete information regarding audition repertoire is available at www.MondaviArts.org/youngartists.

CDs should be submitted along with a completed application form (available from www.MondaviArts.org/youngartists), a copy of the applicant's birth certificate, a one-page biography, and at least one letter of recommendation from a music teacher or musician of strong reputation. Applicants must have a valid California home address and not be under contract with professional management. Materials should be submitted with a non-refundable entry fee of \$50 to Mondavi Center Young Artists Competition, One Shields Avenue, Davis CA 95616, no later than Thursday, November 1, 2007.

The jury will review all recordings and applicants will be notified by phone whether they have been accepted as candidates for the competition no later than November 30, and will be assigned a specific audition time. Live auditions will take place on January 5-6, 2008, in the Mondavi Center's Studio Theatre. The jury will request each candidate to perform up to 20 minutes of excerpts from the applicants' chosen audition repertoire. The Mondavi Center will provide an accompanist if requested.

Final competition results will be available by phone no later than January 7, 2008. Prizes for the Junior Division (grades 4-8) include the grand prize of \$1,000, awarded to the overall first-prize winner at the discretion of the jury; the first place prize of \$350 in each category (piano, instrumental, and chamber music); and the opportunity to perform at the Mondavi Center in the **Young Artists Competition Winners Concert** on March 30, 2008. Prizes for the Senior Division include the grand prize of \$3,000, a performance at the Winners Concert, a concerto performance with orchestra at the Lake Tahoe Music Festival, and a recording session in the Mondavi Center's Jackson Hall. First place winners in each category in the Senior Division will earn a prize of \$1,000 and a chance to perform at the Winners Concert. The chamber ensemble winner in the Senior Division will receive a fellowship to the annual **Yehudi Menuhin Chamber Music Seminar** at **San Francisco State University** during the summer of 2008.

"We're very pleased to once again be offering this wonderful opportunity for young musicians," said Downes. "We hope that the competition serves as an inspiration to young artists from all over the state."

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University of California, Davis
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More info: Call 530.754.5435

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