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Mondavi Center Previews 2011-12 Education Programs

April 25, 2011; Davis, Calif.—The **Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts**, UC Davis will host a **Preview Party for Educators on Monday, May 16, 2011 from 4 to 6 p.m.** in the Vanderhoef Studio Theatre. The Mondavi Center’s arts education program is responsible for the School Matinee Series, which offers a broad range of performances and enrichment activities for students in grades kindergarten through 12 from across the region.

“The Educator’s Preview Party is meant to celebrate teachers and their commitment to the arts,” said Joyce Donaldson, director of arts education for the Mondavi Center. “We support teachers in any way that we can to help them bring art into the classroom. At the event teachers will learn about the many resources that the Mondavi Center continues to offer.”

At the party, educators will be among the first to receive a 2011-12 School Matinee Series brochure, which contains content descriptions and recommended grade levels for each performance. The School Matinees are shortened versions of the longer program presented by the artists during evening performances, and they are offered to students at a discounted rate. School Matinees for the 2011-12 season includes Yamato, Japanese Taiko Drum Ensemble; Hot 8 Brass Band; Mariachi Sol de México De José Hernández, *Mariachi Christmas*; Lara Downes Family Concert, *Green Eggs and Ham*; Soledad Barrio and Noche Flamenca; Circa, *61 Circus Acts in 60 minutes*; Curtis on Tour; The Improvised Shakespeare Company; and ODC/Dance, *The Velveteen Rabbit*.

Party attendees will also receive information on other Mondavi Center education programs including Pre-Matinee Classroom Talks, the Young Artists Competition, the Mondavi Center Dancer’s Consortium and Shakespeare’s Globe Education Academy.

“Schools from Dixon, Vacaville, Woodland, Davis, Sacramento, Fairfield and Yuba City attend our school matinees,” said Donaldson. “Sometimes we even see schools from as far away as Monterey.”

The Arts Education preview party is free and open to all educators, including administrators and homeschoolers. To RSVP or to request more information, contact the Mondavi Center Arts Education program office at jmmast@ucdavis.edu or 530-754-5431.

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