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West Coast Classical Prepares for Carnegie Hall Performance with Three Shows at the Palmdale Playhouse This Weekend

PALMDALE – The Palmdale Playhouse, located at 38334 10th St. East in Palmdale, will host three performances by West Coast Classical beginning this Thursday, their final shows at the Playhouse before they take the Ronald O. Perelman Stage in the Isaac Stern Auditorium at Carnegie Hall for a half-hour concert as part of the New York Sounds of Summer International Music Festival.

Beginning Thursday, June 4 at 7:30 pm, the newly formed West Coast Classical Beginning String Orchestra directed by Patricia Graham, and West Coast Classical Beginning Band, directed by Jeffrey Kaser, will present “Little Night Music,” an instrumental musical experience.

The West Coast Classical’s String Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Saxophone Choir and Flute Choir will perform “Music in the Air” the following evening, Friday, June 5 at 7:30 and treat the audience to a variety of popular classical, pop and jazz compositions.

Wrapping up the weekend will be the West Coast Classical Concert and Symphonic Orchestra’s presentation of “New York, Here We Come!” on Saturday, June 6 at 7:30 pm. Directed by Patricia Graham, this musical toast to New York City will feature pieces including “Forty-Second Street,” “Singin’ in the Rain” and “Give My Regards to Broadway.” The concert will also include Tchaikovsky’s “March Slav,” Aaron Copland’s “An Outdoor Overture” and several classic scores by John Williams, America’s favorite film composer.

“This is a great opportunity to see West Coast Classical Concert and Symphonic

Orchestras before they head to New York City to perform on stage at Carnegie Hall on June 16!" Pagliaro said.

Tickets for each of the West Coast Classical performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday are \$12/adults, \$10/seniors, students, military, and 12 and under.

Tickets for all Palmdale Playhouse events may be purchased online at www.cityofpalmdale.org/playhouse, or at the Box Office beginning two hours before each show, 38334 10th St. East. For more information, please call 661/267-5684.

About West Coast Classical

West Coast Classical is a non-profit organization that provides access to the musical arts for community members of all backgrounds and skill levels who seek to achieve excellence in orchestral, ensemble and classroom experiences. Comprised of musicians aged 10 to 70 years, all have a common love for music and a willingness to dedicate every Wednesday evening to rehearsing; some groups also meet on Saturdays. Students make important friendships and discover a passion for music that continues whether or not they pursue a career in music.

Program Directors

Patricia Graham has been an active professional musician for 25 years. She has conducted West Coast Classical, formerly Palmdale Concert & Symphonic Orchestras, for 17 years. She has a private studio with 71 students; has played with AV Symphony Orchestra, Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra and Santa Maria Philharmonic Orchestra; played in pit orchestras for 20+ shows; has her own quartet; and has been music director for 50+ musical stage productions.

Jeff Kaser is director of West Coast Classical Wind Ensemble and Flute Choirs, and coaches woodwinds and brass for West Coast Classical Concert and Symphonic orchestras. He teaches music theory and jazz improvisation through West Coast Classical. An active musician

in the Los Angeles area, he specializes in saxophone, flute, clarinet and oboe performing in studio sessions, clubs, theatre orchestras, symphony orchestras, private events, and concert venues. He also gives private music instruction for all levels and ages.

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