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**Poway Center for the Performing Arts Foundation
Announces the 2010/2011
Professional Performance Season
Marking the Foundation's 20th Performance Season!**

Poway, CA – (April 16, 2010) **Poway Center for the Performing Arts Foundation** – the non profit organization responsible for presenting professional concerts, plays and children's theatre at the city owned and operated Poway Center for the Performing Arts –announces the **POW! 20th Professional Performance Season** which constitutes seven offerings – four musically diverse concerts, a Tony Award®-winning comedy and two family-friendly children's theater musical performances. “We couldn't be more excited about the 20th Anniversary Season.” said Foundation Executive Director Michael Rennie “We look forward to the return of some friends who have packed the house in the past, and we also welcome some new faces to the Center's stage. The Foundation's goal has always been to present an eclectic, intelligent and entertaining mix of shows. I think audiences will agree that now more than ever the POW! Foundation is presenting world class entertainment at home town prices.”

The 20th season opens on Saturday, October 2nd, 2010 with a **Poway Music Fest** featuring **Chris Hillman** and **Herb Pedersen**. These venerated musicians first met in 1963 at the Troubadour in Los Angeles. They were 18- year-old folk and bluegrass musicians who, since then, have cut a wide swath across the rock and roll landscape. Hillman became a founding member of the Byrds, the Flying Burrito Brothers, and The Desert Rose Band and went on to join Stephen Stills in Manassas. Herb Pedersen's amazing career crosses the boundaries of bluegrass, country, and pop music and, and he has provided music for a wide range of film and television productions. **Poway Music Fest** will be hosted by five-time San Diego Music Award-winner **Eve Selis** and her band known for their melding of country, rhythm and blues, blues, folk, and rock 'n' roll music into her trademark “Roadhouse Rock.”

**Poway Music Fest featuring Chris Hillman, Herb Pedersen and hosted by
The Eve Selis Band**

8 pm, Saturday, October 2, 2010

\$55 Premium; \$35 Section A; \$30 Section B

\$5 Youth (Under 18 years of age with the purchase of an adult ticket)

Celtic fiddle sensations **Natalie MacMaster** and **Donnell Leahy** will perform on Saturday, November 6th at in *Masters of the Fiddle*. Known for her flamboyant skill and trademark step-dancing, Natalie MacMaster is the sweetheart superstar of the Cape Breton fiddle. Donnell Leahy is part of the brilliant, popular family Canadian group Leahy. This world-class collaboration is a whirlwind of fiddle-driven music, dance, and song. Separately, they have performed to sold-out houses at the Center. Natalie MacMaster is one of the distinguished guest artists who share the 2010 Best Classical Crossover Album Grammy Award for collaborating on *Yo-Yo Ma & Friends: Songs of Joy and Peace*.

Equally at home on the concert stage or at a Folk festival, Cape Breton fiddler Natalie MacMaster is one of the most versatile and exciting young musicians on both the Folk music and Celtic music scenes. MacMaster's many projects have seen her collaborate and perform with Alison Krauss, the Chieftains, Paul Simon, and Pavarotti. Natalie's live performances are a testament to her incandescent musicianship and boundless energy featuring foot-tapping rave-ups, heart-rending ballads, and world-class step dancing.. Natalie's fiddling fireworks on traditional and contemporary Celtic melodies generate a kind of "Traditional Fusion" delivered with ferocious energy felt by the musicians and audience alike.

Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy: *Masters of the Fiddle*

8pm, Saturday November 6, 2010

\$60 Premium; \$45 Section A; \$40 Section B

\$5 Youth (Under 18 years of age with the purchase of an adult ticket)

Rave On- A Tribute to the Music of Buddy Holly rolls in to town on Saturday, February 26, 2011. A high-energy, rock n' roll extravaganza that features America's premier Buddy Holly interpreter, Billy McGuigan. Backed by the six-piece Rave On Band, the concert will ignite the stage and breathe new life into the music of Buddy Holly. You will experience the all the thrills of a Buddy Holly concert re-imagined including such hits as "Peggy Sue," "Raining in My Heart," "It's So Easy," "That'll Be the Day," "True Love Ways," "Oh Boy" and, of course, "Rave On". In a unique twist, Billy as 'Buddy' celebrates the birth of an era and pays homage to his fellow rockers Jerry Lee Lewis, Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry, Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper.

Rave On: A Tribute to the Music of Buddy Holly

8pm, Saturday February 26, 2011

\$60 Premium; \$42 Section A; \$37 Section B

\$5 Youth (Under 18 years of age with the purchase of an adult ticket)

Known to millions as "The Royal Family of the Guitar," **The Romeros** will perform on Saturday, April 2, 2011. The quartet was founded in 1960 by the legendary Celedonio Romero and included

his sons Celin, Pepe and Angel. With the introduction of Celin's son, Celino in 1990 and Angel's son, Lito in 1995, the quartet now encompass three generations of concert artists. Their most lasting legacy is the creation of an entirely new repertoire for guitar quartet, both as a chamber ensemble and as a concerto soloist. They have inspired distinguished composers to either write new works or arrange existing ones. In the words of Spanish composer Joaquin Rodrigo, "The Romeros have developed the technique of the guitar by making what is difficult to be easy; they are, without a doubt, the grand masters of the guitar."

The Romeros

8pm, Saturday, April 2, 2011

\$60 Premium; \$42 Section A; \$37 Section B

\$5 Youth (Under 18 years of age with the purchase of an Adult ticket)

The 2010 /2011 POW! 20th Professional Performance Season concludes on Saturday, April 16th at 8pm with Broadway's longest-running comedy thriller Alfred Hitchcock's award-winning *The 39 Steps*. Adapted from the 1935 film, which was inspired by the 1915 novel by John Buchan, *The 39 Steps* follows a man with a boring life as he meets a woman with a thick accent who says she's a spy. When he takes her home, she is murdered. Soon after, a mysterious organization is hot on the man's trail in a nationwide manhunt. Winner of two Tony® and Drama Desk Awards and London's Olivier Award for Best New Comedy, this performance is packed with laughs and a cast of four talented actors embodying over 150 unique characters.

Alfred Hitchcock's *The 39 Steps*

8pm, Saturday, April 16, 2011

\$60 Premium; \$55 Section A; \$50 Section B

\$5 Youth (Under 18 years of age with the purchase of an adult ticket)

As in year's past, family programming will be represented in the 2010/2011 POW! Season offerings as the Foundation welcomes back **Kennedy Center Theatre for Young Audiences On Tour** who brings a cross cultural, super-hero musical comedy *Barrio Grrrr!* to the Center on Saturday, February 19 at 7pm. Penned by Pulitzer Prize finalist and Tony® Award-nominee Quiara Alegria Hudes (*In the Heights*), *Barrio Grrrr!* has been called "a gentle, witty children's musical" (*The Washington Post*).

Kennedy Center Theatre for Young Audiences on Tour: *Barrio Grrrr!*

8pm, Saturday, February 19, 2011

\$25 Adults; \$5 for Youth (Under 18 years of age, no limit to number of tickets)

The nation's pre-eminent participatory theater program **Missoula Children's Theatre**, returning for their 12th season, will cast more than 50 local children in an original musical production of **The Wizard of Oz**. Auditions for **The Wizard of Oz** will take place at Poway Center for the Performing Arts on Monday, March 7th at 4pm and is open to ages 5 through 18. No preparation needed to audition. The free week-long Theatre Camp will culminate in performances on Saturday, March 12 at 3 and 7 pm. The Foundation's Arts in Education

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Missoula Children's Theatre: *The Wizard of Oz*

3pm and 7 pm, Saturday, March 12, 2011

\$17 Adults; \$5 for Youth (Under 18 years of age, no limit to number of tickets)

Ticket Discounts:

Season subscription prices (\$5 off single ticket prices) are available when purchasing four or more individual performances. Seniors (62 years older) save 15% off single ticket prices.

Discounts for groups of 10 or more are also available.

Season Subscriptions and Single Tickets for the 2010/2011 season go on sale to the public at noon on Friday, May 7th, 2010

Where: Poway Center Box Office (15498 Espola Road, Poway), **Online** at www.powayarts.org or by calling the Box Office at 858.748.0505.

Ticket Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday, Noon to 5pm and Saturday 10am to 3pm through June 30, 2010.

Contact Yvonne (858-668-4797) for High Res Photos or visit

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The 2010-2011 Poway Center for the Performing Arts Foundation Professional

Performance Season at a Glance:

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