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**“Harmony for Habitat” Event to Benefit Habitat for Humanity – Greater Columbus  
Performance by 13-year-old Juilliard Student Tiffany Poon to Highlight Oct. 9 Event**

Columbus, Ohio – On any given day, a cacophony of hammers, drills, and saws can be heard emanating from the activities of Habitat for Humanity. Not so on Friday night Oct. 9 when Habitat’s ReStore will be transformed into a mini concert hall for a special performance to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity – Greater Columbus. This unique fundraising event is co-sponsored by Habitat and ProMusica Chamber Orchestra to benefit the elimination of substandard housing and build safe, decent, affordable homes for families in Franklin County.

The “Harmony for Habitat” event will be held at Habitat’s ReStore, 3140 Westerville Road, Columbus, 43224 and is open to the public. Doors open at 7 pm for a reception and opportunity to browse Habitat’s ReStore. A solo piano recital by 13-year-old Juilliard student Tiffany Poon will begin at 8 pm. Advance tickets are \$20; \$10 for students under 18. Tickets may be purchased by mail at Habitat for Humanity, Harmony for Habitat, 3140 Westerville Road, Columbus, Ohio 43224. Checks are payable to Habitat for Humanity –Greater Columbus. Purchases may also be made in advance by phone using a credit card at (614) 364-7029. Tickets at the door will be \$25 for adults; \$12 for students.

“This is a first-of-its-kind event thanks to our new partnership with ProMusica. Never before have two so seemingly diverse organizations come together in such an interesting way to support the needs of families in our community. In these challenging economic times, new partnerships and unique events help to broaden our outreach and raise funds from new sources,” said E.J. Thomas, CEO, Habitat for Humanity – Greater Columbus.

Habitat is honored to host Tiffany Poon for this special performance. Poon was born in Hong Kong in 1996 and started studying piano at age 4. At age 6, she began performing in concerts and for radio broadcasts, winning numerous awards at piano competitions. At 8, she was accepted by the prestigious Juilliard School with a full scholarship in the Pre-College Division. She is an eighth grader at the Calhoun School, one of the renowned private schools in New York.

Poon will perform with the ProMusica Chamber Orchestra at a community outreach concert at Dublin Scioto High School on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 3 pm and at the ProMusica season Opening Night concert on Sunday, Oct. 11 at 7 pm at the Southern Theatre. Tickets can be purchased by calling the ProMusica Box Office at 614-464-0066 or visiting [www.promusicacolumbus.org](http://www.promusicacolumbus.org).

**About Habitat for Humanity.** [Habitat for Humanity International](#) (HFHI), and [Habitat for Humanity-Greater Columbus](#) (HFHGC), is an ecumenical Christian housing ministry. Habitat affiliates work locally in communities around the world to select and support homeowners, organize volunteers and coordinate house building. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has built more than 300,000 homes worldwide, providing shelter for more than 1 million people in nearly 90 countries. In the Greater Columbus community, Habitat has built more than 220 homes since 1987. The Greater Columbus Affiliate, through tithing to HFHI, has also helped to build more than 230 homes in developing countries throughout the world.

HFHGC is one of the only housing agencies in Franklin County targeting families who earn 30-60% of median income. HFHGC partner families are chosen after a careful review process during which Habitat assesses their need for housing; their ability to repay a zero-interest, no-profit mortgage and their willingness to partner with Habitat through sweat equity. All partner families are first-time homebuyers who earn 30-60% of the median income for Franklin County and currently live in substandard housing. Every partner family must perform a minimum of 200-250 hours of sweat equity, which includes working on their own house and those of other Habitat families, attending homeownership classes and providing Habitat program support. Every family also assumes a no-interest, no-profit mortgage with payments based on family income. Because HFHGC holds and services these mortgages, Habitat has a long-term relationship with the homeowners and the communities in which they live.

**About Habitat's ReStore.** Also supporting HFHGC is [Habitat's ReStore](#), a re-sale store that accepts and re-sells reusable home improvement materials to the general public. Revenue from sales directly offsets Habitat's administrative costs and assists in both eliminating substandard housing and creating homeownership in Greater Columbus. Habitat's ReStore is located at 3140 Westerville Road, 3 miles southwest of Easton; 2 miles south of Morse Road. The re-sale store is open to the public Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**About ProMusica Chamber Orchestra.** Throughout its 30 seasons, [ProMusica Chamber Orchestra](#) has been recognized for excellence in presenting the best of traditional chamber orchestra repertoire, as well as the presentation of new and crossover music by contemporary artists. Under the direction of Music Director Timothy Russell, ProMusica has commissioned more than 51 new works and has presented 106 premieres.

The orchestra has won eight awards from the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP) for adventurous programming, and continues an active recording program as well as sponsoring educational events.

Take advantage of ProMusica's "Compose Your Own Series" subscription package: Choose three 2009 performances and save up to 18 percent. Single tickets for performances are \$46, \$44, \$39, \$33 & \$10. Student tickets are available for \$5. Call the ProMusica Box Office 614-464-0066 or visit online at [www.promusicacolumbus.org](http://www.promusicacolumbus.org). ProMusica is funded in part by the Greater Columbus Arts Council, The Columbus Foundation, Ohio Arts Council, Nationwide and The Reinberger Foundation. Media sponsorship is provided by WOSU 89.7 FM. Additional support is provided by Drury Hotels.

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