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### **Three Local Young Singers Perform in March 31 Benefit Concert**

LA JOLLA – Villa Musica is pleased to announce its first annual concert to benefit the Monarch School, featuring three local young singers performing classic Broadway show tunes, as well as jazz, classical and folk standards. Proceeds from the March 31 event at University Lutheran Church in La Jolla will benefit the summer music program at Monarch.

“This concert is going to be a treat for audiences of all ages,” said Fiona Chatwin, Artistic Director of Villa Musica, San Diego’s center for community music education. “These young singers are immensely talented and dedicated, and the repertoire they will present will appeal to adults of all ages, as well as children.”

The concert features Bishop’s School senior **Cressy Birder of Rancho Santa Fe**, La Jolla Country Day School junior **Charlotte Ostrow of La Jolla**, and Francis Parker senior **Claire Thiemann of Pacific Beach**.

“All of our schools stress the importance of community service, and together, the schools already have a relationship with the Monarch School,” Ostrow said. “When we heard that Villa Musica was creating a music program for the Monarch School this summer, we decided to hold this concert to raise money for that program.”

Founded in 1988, Monarch School provides homeless and at-risk children with an accredited education while caring for their basic needs. Today, more than 100 students between the ages of 7 and 18 are enrolled at Monarch School.

In addition to their commitment to community service, all three performers have extensive experience in music, theater and dance. Birder is a member of Bishop’s Singers and Dance Group and has participated in the National Association of Teachers of Singing vocal competition. Ostrow has studied acting at the La Jolla Playhouse Conservatory and the Old Globe Theatre, and music at San Diego Opera and Idyllwild Arts. She has performed in the chorus for Carmen with the San Diego Opera and with the San Diego Symphony Summer Pops. Thiemann, who heads to Bard College next year, recently appeared as Sally Bowles in Parker’s production of *Cabaret*.

Tickets for the concert cost \$12 and will be available at the door. University Lutheran Church is located at 9595 La Jolla Shores Drive in La Jolla. The concert begins at 7 PM.

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