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chARTS CONCERT FEATURES INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED, LOCAL OPERA SINGER

The Chino Hills Arts Committee (chARTS) will present its first opera concert on Sunday, Nov. 23 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center. “The Hills Are Alive With Music” will feature Diamond Bar resident Kristin Rothfuss Erbst, an internationally acclaimed opera singer, with renowned pianist Cheryl Lin Fielding.

They will perform a variety of operatic pieces with special guests Julie Makerov, of Rancho Cucamonga, who currently sings with the Los Angeles Opera; and Robert Becker, who is first violist at the Pacific Symphony orchestra and director of String Studies at Chapman University.

“There will be translations in the program, explanatory introductions to each set and projections of art to help to make these pieces accessible,” Ms. Rothfuss Erbst says. “My mission is to convert people to this art form!”

The concert is an all-ages community event. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for youth under 18. Tickets will be available for purchase at City Hall, the Chino Hills Community Center, and online at www.chinohills.org/chARTSevents. For additional information, please call (909) 364-2736 or email chcfoundation@chinohills.org. The Community Center is located at 14250 Peyton Drive Chino Hills, CA 91709.

Photos of the performers are available upon request to Lisa McPheron at lisa.mcpheron@gmail.com.

About Kristin Rothfuss Erbst

Mezzo soprano Kristin Rothfuss Erbst delights audiences with her rich operatic voice and magnetic stage presence. Known both for her convincing trouser roles and charming feminine portrayals, Ms. Rothfuss Erbst has distinguished herself as an impressive singing actress garnering critical acclaim for her appearances with such distinguished companies as Santa Fe Opera, Sacramento Opera, City Opera Theater, Los Angeles Opera, Virginia Opera and Opera Pacific. *The Los Angeles Times* has described her voice as “mellifluous” and *Opera Japonica* said of her debut in La Belle Hélène with Santa Fe Opera that she “was a charming Oreste who declaimed with tonal beauty.” Recognized for her ability to convey both emotion and text, Ms. Rothfuss Erbst has performed on many concert stages including Carnegie Hall.

Ms. Rothfuss Erbst was raised in Germany where her parents were professional opera singers for 30



seasons. She, in addition to her sister, brother and parents comprise The Rothfuss Family *Singers* who have toured nationally as “the only opera singing family in the world.”

For the last seven years, Ms. Rothfuss Erbst has had a successful private voice studio. Her students have been the recipients of large music scholarships to numerous universities in California. Besides that, they have won vocal competitions, have sung in Honor and State choirs and have been awarded leading roles in college, community theater and high school musicals. In addition to her private voice studio, Ms. Rothfuss Erbst most recently joined the music department at Chaffey College as a vocal instructor.

Ms. Rothfuss Erbst resides in Diamond Bar with her "Mr. Wonderful" husband Bob Erbst, a world history and stage craft teacher at Chino Hills High School and their 5-year old daughter Julia, the next generation of family singers.

About Cheryl Lin Fielding, Piano

Praised by the *New York Sun* for her “warm, grand and rich” pianism, Cheryl Lin Fielding performs throughout the world including Lincoln Center, Carnegie Weill Recital Hall, Merkin Recital Hall, Tanglewood Music Center, Music Academy of the West, Aspen Music Festival, Jacob’s Pillow Dance Festival, Juilliard Theater, and the Getty Museum. She has been honored with the Grace B. Jackson Prize in Excellence by the Tanglewood Music Festival, recognized by the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts, and three times received the distinguished Gwendolyn Koldofsky Award in Keyboard Collaborative Arts.

As music director, vocal coach and pianist, Dr. Fielding enjoys working with arts organizations throughout the world such as Opera Santa Barbara, Philadelphia Virtuosi, Los Angeles Opera, OperaPacific, Operafestival di Roma, Pacific Symphony, Mark Morris Dance Group, Juilliard School, USC Thornton Opera, Opera Chapman, Cal State University at Northridge and OperaWorks. Dr. Fielding received her DMA in Keyboard Collaborative Arts from University of Southern California with extended emphasis in vocal performance. Prior to that, she received two Master’s degrees from the Juilliard School in Piano Performance and Collaborative piano.

About Chino Hills Arts Committee (chARTS)

chARTS is led by local artists and art lovers who represent a wide area of expertise in fine arts, graphic design, music, creative writing, theatre and more. The group is part of the Chino Hills Community Foundation, which was created in 2008 to promote and support the cultural, educational, and recreational needs of the city. chARTS encourages the creation, enjoyment and enrichment of the arts in Chino Hills. Follow chARTS on Facebook at www.facebook.com/chinohillsarts.