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**HIGHLY DESIRED WINES, DECADENT DINING AND RARE AUCTION OFFERINGS ABOUND AT SIXTH-ANNUAL PACIFIC COAST WINE FESTIVAL, BENEFITING PACIFIC SYMPHONY, AT ISLAND HOTEL, FEB. 9**

**Orange County, Calif.—Dec. 17, 2012—**Swirl, taste and revel in the flavors of the Pacific Coast Wine Festival (PCWF), a sensational evening of first-class wine tasting, a delicious wine-paired feast and a silent and live auction of rare bottles and exceptional experiences. Debuting in Orange County only six years ago, PCWF has swiftly become one of the most respected wine auctions in California, as well as a major fund-raising event for Pacific Symphony. Cumulatively raising more than \$800,000 for the Symphony’s artistic and education programs, the festival continues to outdo itself each year. This time, two wine “celebrities” join in on the fun: Master Sommelier Michael Jordon offers color commentary during the live auction and shares wines from the Piedmont wine region of Italy, and Master of Wine and Cape Wine Master Peter Koff shares his precise expertise at a table of wines from South Africa. The live auction offers an extremely rare opportunity to own eight bottles of a new wine from Screaming Eagle, and two weekend getaways in a Ferrari and a Maserati.

With a mission to support music education, the event includes a performance by three members of Pacific Symphony Youth Orchestra: Katherine Park, violin; Matthew Gustafson, cello; and Natalie Cernius, piano, performing “Lento Maestoso” from Dvorák’s Piano Trio No. 4, “Dumky.” PCWF takes place Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013, at 5 p.m. at the newly-renovated five-diamond Island Hotel in Newport Beach. Seating is limited and starts at \$375 per person. The deadline for reservations is Jan. 28, 2013. For information, please contact the Symphony’s special events department at (714) 876-2364 or [events@PacificSymphony.org](mailto:events@PacificSymphony.org) and visit [PacificCoastWineFestival.com](http://PacificCoastWineFestival.com). For more

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information on the Symphony, please visit [PacificSymphony.org](http://PacificSymphony.org). PCWF event sponsors include Ferrari and Maserati of Newport Beach.

“Our 2013 Pacific Coast Wine Festival will be better than ever!” says co-chair and festival founder Mike Kerr. “We are proud to welcome over 24 premium wineries to our festival, including newcomers such as Jaffurs, Blackbird Vineyards, Domaine Cristia, Lewis and Herb Lamb Vineyards. Also new this year, we will be presenting wine-tasting pavilions from Italy and South Africa, hosted by two renowned wine personalities, Michael Jordan, master sommelier, and Peter Koff, master of wine. This will be a unique opportunity to taste with and learn from two amazing experts.”

Limited to just 350 wine enthusiasts and music supporters, this year’s event is co-chaired by Kerr, Fred Salter and Valerie Van de Zilver, and promises to be more unique than ever. The evening gets underway at 5 p.m., as guests stroll through multiple rooms to taste over 60 wines, enjoy Parma prosciutto tastings and bid in the silent auction. At 7:15 p.m., guests are led into the ballroom to enjoy a five-course meal with wine pairings designed by the Island’s Executive Chef David Mann. The evening culminates with an exciting live auction led by Jim Nye, featuring some of the finest wines and auction lots in the United States.

“The wines in our silent and live auctions will be phenomenal,” continues Kerr. “One of the highlights is the offering of eight bottles of a brand new wine from Screaming Eagle. Called Second Flight, the new wine was eight years in the making, combining estate-grown Cabernet Franc and Merlot. The auction lot will encompass two bottles each of a four-year vertical collection from the years 2006-2009. This will be a rare opportunity to own a piece of Napa wine-making history.”

A fabulous array of wines from California and beyond have been chosen by Advanced Sommelier Jim Huston from Charlie Palmer for the event including Domaine Serene, Herb Lamb Vineyard, Lewelling, Lewis Cellars, Martinelli Vineyards, Neal Family and Vega Sicilia. Other wines include: Alpha Omega, Archery Summit, Blackbird Vineyards, Campesino, Charles Smith, Châteauneuf du Pape, Crocker & Starr, Domaine Cristia, Dragonette Cellars, Golden

State Wine Company, Iron Horse, Jaffurs Winery, Kobalt, Lindstrom, Long Shadows, McPrice Myers, Novy Family Wines, Patz & Hall, Pine Ridge, Seghesio and Siduri.

The evening concludes with guests enjoying vintage port and gourmet chocolates, sponsored by Whole Foods.

### **About Pacific Symphony**

Pacific Symphony, located in Orange County, Calif. and led by Music Director Carl St.Clair, is the largest orchestra formed in the United States in the last 40 years. It is widely recognized as an outstanding ensemble making strides on both the national and international scene, as well as in its own burgeoning cultural community. The Symphony has played a central role in the phenomenal growth of the performing arts in Orange County. Presenting more than 100 concerts a year and a rich array of education and community programs, the Symphony touches more than 275,000 Orange County residents—from school children to senior citizens.

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