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Perla Batalla with TRAP students from The Ojai Enrichment Center

The Rhythmic Arts Project (TRAP) Announces Fourth Annual Summer Benefit With Extraordinary All-Star Musical Line-Up and Special Guests!

(Santa Barbara, CA) The Rhythmic Arts Project (TRAP) is excited to announce it's All-Star line-up for their Fourth Annual Summer Benefit to be held Sunday, June 4, 2006, at Girls, Inc., 5315 Foothill Road in Carpinteria, CA. Festivities begin at 1:00 p.m. and conclude at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are a suggested \$10 donation and will be available at the door. Mark your calendars today so you don't miss this community celebration to honor learning, life, music, and art.

This jam-packed day of entertainment will be filmed by Jennifer A. Reinish (Tidepool Pictures) for a TRAP documentary and will include world-class music by first-rate musicians and special guests who support TRAP including:

- C.G. Ryche & The Bubulubu Heads – C. G. Ryche (Benise, Ambrosia, Wayne Newton), Munyungo Jackson (Stevie Wonder, Anita Baker, Miles Davis), Jorge Bermudez (The Grateful Dead, Tower of Power, Joe Sample), Russ Miller (Ray Charles, Nelly Furtado, The Fifth Dimension), and Steve Fisher (Maynard Ferguson, Dizzy Gillespie, Blood, Sweat & Tears)
- Daniel de los Reyes & Friends - Daniel de los Reyes (Earth, Wind & Fire, Don Henley, Stevie Nicks), Ron Powell (Madonna, Kenny G, Diana Ross), Walfredo Reyes Jr. (Santana, Traffic, Steve Winwood) and special surprise guest to be announced.
- Perla Batalla (k.d. Lang, The Gypsy Kings, Iggy Pop) with David Garfield on keys (George Benson, Boz Scaggs, Smokey Robinson), founding member of The Yellow Jackets Jimmy Haslip on bass (Gino Vannelli, David Sanborn, Rod Stewart), and Hani Naser on percussion (David Lindley, Jackson Browne)

- Flip Diggity with Eddie Tuduri, Jimmy Calire, Chris Pinnick, Marty Fera, and Buddy Sklar
- Cuban drum extraordinaire Walfredo Reyes Sr.
- Select TRAP Gifted Artist musicians (www.GiftedArtistsRecords.com)
- More guests will be announced as they are confirmed.

Join us Sunday, June 4th, and get 'up close and personal' to meet the crème de la crème of the top touring and recording musicians in the music business today. In addition to live music performances, a community Drum Circle conducted by Christo Pellani will bring together our disabled population, students, and community members to add to this unforgettable afternoon of friendship and fun for all ages.

To help enable TRAP to continue to touch the lives of thousands of special needs people, performing musicians will sign a drumhead for a rare silent auction item creating a one-of-a-kind music treasure for the lucky winner. A live and silent auction will also include a Pearl Drum Set, Sabian cymbals, Craviotto Snare drum, lots of musical swag, and many items donated by members of the community. Bake sale items and food catered by Stir Crazy Catering will also be available for purchase.

As a special treat, this year's TRAP benefit is proud to showcase a stunning display of artwork by people with disabilities from all over the U.S. sponsored by Artists For Autism – truly a must see.

Lastly, our dedicated Angels Bearing Gifts volunteers will be on hand to share information on their outreach in the community. This tireless group reaches out to the local disabled community and those who are all alone and in need and also remembers them on their birthday, Christmas, and Valentine's Day.

With the continued support of the local and surrounding communities and TRAP's musician friends, it is anticipated that this year's TRAP benefit will be the most successful and entertaining to date. For sponsorship opportunities and more information on The Rhythmic Arts Project (TRAP), a non-profit corporation, please visit www.traponline.com or contact TRAP Founder and Director Eddie Tuduri at 805-745-8280 (office) or Etuduri@verizon.net.

THE RHYTHMIC ARTS PROJECT MISSION STATEMENT:

The Rhythmic Arts Project enhances and empowers people with various disabilities to succeed in the world through the use of drums and percussion instruments as creative and fun learning tools that integrate and heal the mind, body, and spirit.

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