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Rancho Cucamonga Community & Arts Foundation and Lewis Family Playhouse Announce Honorees of 2013 Donor Awards

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Rancho Cucamonga, California - In a joint effort since 2010, the Rancho Cucamonga Community & Arts Foundation and Lewis Family Playhouse have annually honored key donors and partners who have provided significant encouragement and support to the Foundation in their efforts to ensure that the performing arts flourish in Rancho Cucamonga. The Rancho Cucamonga Community & Arts Foundation is honored to announce the acknowledgement of Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Company, LLP as “Outstanding Business of the Year” and local businessman Charles “Chuck” Buquet as “Outstanding Individual of the Year,” and the Lewis Family Playhouse announces U.S. Bank as “Distinguished Benefactor” for their 2013 Award recipients.

“Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Company has shown their commitment to the arts with key sponsorships for our signature events and participation in Foundation sponsored programs,” shared Jim Harrington, Chair of the Rancho Cucamonga Community & Arts Foundation. “Chuck Buquet was a long-time member of this Board and was instrumental in sharing the vision of the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center and helping to make the building of the facility a reality.”

“U.S. Bank has supported the arts and our community at the Lewis Family Playhouse with various grants for

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several years,” said Susan Sluka-Kelly, Cultural Arts Manager at the Lewis Family Playhouse. “Their contribution directly impacts our ability to provide access to the quality performing arts programming at the Cultural Center to many underserved communities who value the experience but simply cannot afford it or have no mechanism to get there. Because of U.S. Bank’s grant funds, we have worked with countless non-profit service agencies throughout the region to bring this wonderful experience of live performance to children, families, and senior citizens who would not otherwise be able to attend. It has been a great relationship, and I feel we help fulfill U.S. Bank’s mission for expanding arts access to all.”

“There were several worthy nominees the Board and the Playhouse considered for each of the categories. We are proud to honor and recognize VTD, Chuck Buquet and U.S. Bank as the 2013 honorees. We hope the community joins us in congratulating and thanking them,” concluded Jim Harrington.

The Awards will be presented at the Lewis Family Playhouse during the special benefit performance of *An Evening with Fritz Coleman* on Saturday, October 5, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. All proceeds from talented comedian and local weatherman, Fritz Coleman’s show will benefit the Rancho Cucamonga Community & Arts Foundation.

“We are extremely fortunate to have Fritz return to Rancho Cucamonga once again to help raise funds for the Rancho Cucamonga Community & Arts Foundation,” said Foundation Board Member Paula Pachon. “By donating his time and talent to the Foundation, 100% of the funds raised through ticket sales from Fritz’s show will go directly to the Foundation to assist our efforts to support arts programming at the Lewis Family Playhouse.” Tickets for Gold Level Seating are priced at \$23.00 for General and \$21.00 for Senior. Tickets for Silver Level Seating are priced at \$18.50 for General and Senior.

Founded in 1987, the Rancho Cucamonga Community & Arts Foundation’s Mission is to generously support arts programming at the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center. Along with its many funding partners, the Foundation provides support to augment and support Rancho Cucamonga Community Theatre Company, MainStreet Theatre Company, and Black Box Productions, plus provides annual support for the World Music Series in the Bank of America Imagination Courtyard and more, adding to create community through the performing arts.

For More Information – For more information on the Foundation and its upcoming fundraising events, please visit www.RCCAAF.org

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