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Pianist Miho Gary and Friends to Perform Free Concert at Central Library

Program Will Feature Trios by C.P.E. Bach, Louise Farrenc, and Robert Schumann

SAN DIEGO – The sixth and final concert in the City of San Diego Public Library fall concert series will be held on Sunday, November 4, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. The concert will feature Miho Gary, piano; Matt Gill, clarinet; Janet Mathews, viola; and Carol Tolbert, cello. The performance will be held in the Third Floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego.

The program includes works of the 18th and 19th centuries, each for piano and two other instruments. The concert will start with six sonatas for viola, cello and piano by Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach, the most important composer in Protestant Germany in the second half of the 18th century. He was the second of five sons of Johann Sebastian and Maria Barbara Bach. Robert Schumann's *Märchenerzählungen* (Fairy Tales), op. 132, for the darkly hued combination of clarinet, viola and piano, was written in October 1853. During this period, the composer's bouts of sleeplessness and depression were worsening, but visits from two young gifted composers, Johannes Brahms and Albert Dietrich, helped to inspire Schumann to write this piece. Louise Farrenc's trio for clarinet, cello and piano, op. 44 in E-flat major (1861) will also be performed. Schumann himself praised Farrenc, a leading French composer of instrumental music as well as an outstanding concert pianist of her day.

Ms. Gary was born in Japan and graduated from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. She majored in piano performance and studied with Mack MacCray. Miho is a founder of the Gary Trio and has given concerts at the Rancho Bernardo Library, Carlsbad Library, and Carmel Valley Library. She also teaches piano at her home in Rancho Bernardo and is a member of the Music Teachers' Association of California.

Mr. Gill is a freelance clarinetist, composer, and music instructor based in San Diego, CA. He recently performed with the Allegro Con Brio Chamber Orchestra and has been featured on Public Radio's "Soundscapes". He is a graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory near Cleveland, Ohio.

Ms. Mathews began her musical education with piano lessons and received her first instruction on stringed instruments in the San Diego City School system. She completed a degree in music at the University of Arizona. During her recent 10-year stay in Switzerland, she was very active giving chamber concerts in Zurich, and participating in operetta orchestras, and in several symphonic orchestras. Since her return to San Diego, Ms. Mathews has been actively involved in chamber music performance.

Ms. Tolbert studied cello with Virginia Quarles and began playing in the Richmond Symphony when she was fifteen. Since then, she has played in the Madison Civic Symphony Orchestra, Kirkwood Symphony, and currently plays in the La Jolla Symphony and Chorus. She is a founding member of the Striano Piano Quartet and enjoys playing ensembles.

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The concert is free and open to the public. **Free parking is available at the Five Star Parking lot adjacent to the Library on Broadway and 8th.** In addition, parking meters are not enforced on Sundays, and other pay parking lots are available in the vicinity of the library. For further information, please call the Library's Art, Music and Recreation Section at 236-5810, or visit the Library's Web site at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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