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## **CAL PHIL TO PERFORM AT GRAND OPENING OF “THE PROMENADE” AT WESTFIELD SANTA ANITA**

**SAN MARINO, Calif.** Since its founding in 1995, the California Philharmonic has performed at an array of beautiful and architecturally significant sites throughout Southern California, from the historic Pasadena Civic Auditorium and Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena to Walt Disney Concert Hall in downtown Los Angeles. On May 7 and 8, Cal Phil will add Westfield Santa Anita to that list when it performs at the Grand Opening of The Promenade, the mall’s new open-air shopping and dining experience, which boasts 30 new stores and restaurants.

“The city of Arcadia has been a member of our Cal Phil family for many years now because we present Cal Phil Festival on the Green every summer, directly across the street from Westfield Santa Anita, at The Arboretum,” says Dr. Victor Vener, founder and music director of the California Philharmonic. “So we’re thrilled and very, very honored to take part in the celebration commemorating the Grand Opening of an extraordinary place like The Promenade. I have no doubt it will attract residents not only from Arcadia but throughout Southern California.”

“Cal Phil is a cherished institution and Westfield is delighted they will be treating our shoppers to a special concert performance,” says Michael Lattanzio, Westfield Santa Anita General Manager. “Their addition to the Promenade’s Grand Opening weekend of fun-filled festivities is sure to create a truly memorable experience for all.”

The Grand Opening festivities will begin on Thursday, May 7 at 5:00 p.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony, followed by a performance of a 17-member ensemble of Cal Phil musicians. While listening to works by such popular composers as Tchaikovsky, Grieg, Holst and Gershwin, members of the public can also sample fare prepared by restaurants located in The Promenade for a suggested donation of \$5 per person. Proceeds from the tasting will benefit Cal Phil.

“My wife Patti and I are really looking forward to being there and hope to see many of our Cal Phil friends there as well,” says Vener.

Music enthusiasts will have a second opportunity to meet Vener and hear Cal Phil when the orchestra presents yet another free concert at The Promenade on the following afternoon, beginning at 4:30 p.m.. “The Promenade is a beautiful place with a courtyard, footpaths and

park,” says Tom O’Connor, Executive Director. “What better way is there to spend a spring evening in May than surrounded by beauty, music and many new wonderful shops to discover?”

A series of fashion shows featuring items from such stores as Banana Republic, Bebe, Chico’s, Gap, Guess and Macy’s will also take place Friday and Saturday, along with additional guest appearances, musical performances and special prize giveaways.

Westfield Santa Anita is located at 400 S. Baldwin Ave. in Arcadia. For more information about Westfield Santa Anita, call 626.445.6255 or visit <http://westfield.com/santaanita>.

For more information about Cal Phil and its upcoming summer series, Cal Phil Festival on the Green at The Arboretum in Arcadia and Cal Phil at Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, call 626.300.8200 or visit [www.calphil.org](http://www.calphil.org).

#### **ABOUT CAL PHIL:**

*In 1995, Music Director and Conductor Victor Vener and a small group of enthusiastic, dedicated music lovers based in Pasadena, California founded The CalPhil Foundation. The Foundation, a nonprofit community benefit organization, supports the California Philharmonic in its quest to expand awareness of classical music, thus increasing the interest and support for great timeless music with wide audience appeal, from the classical and operatic repertoire to diverse genres of jazz, pops, Hollywood and Broadway. Also, with a strong commitment to new music and to expanding the symphonic repertoire, the California Philharmonic has presented numerous world premieres of both orchestral and chamber works.*

*The California Philharmonic began in 1997 with a five-concert inaugural summer season of Cal Phil Festival on the Green on the grounds of the Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden in Arcadia. Now, Cal Phil presents twenty-four concerts per year in five different, but equally impressive, venues throughout Los Angeles County. These series include Cal Phil at Walt Disney Concert Hall (downtown Los Angeles), Cal Phil at the Ambassador (Pasadena), Cal Phil Music, Martinis and the Maestro (Castle Green Hotel in Pasadena), Cal Phil Festival on the Green, and Cal Phil at The Mill (The Old Mill in San Marino). For more information, visit [www.calphil.org](http://www.calphil.org) or call 626.300.8200.*