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Scott Paulson and Friends to Perform Toy Piano Music at Central Library

Special Family Program Will Feature Music by Glass, Cage, Tchaikovsky and Others

SAN DIEGO – The third concert in the City of San Diego Public Library fall concert series will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. This SPECIAL FAMILY CONCERT will feature Scott Paulson and his Toy Piano Collection, with bass clarinet and guitarrone (a large bass guitar used in mariachi music). Also performing will be Ryoko Amadee Goguen, Kenneth Herman, and Matthew Swagler. The FREE performance will be held in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego.

The musicians promise a family-friendly show filled with surprises. The program will include the following works:

Bernd Wiesemann: Petite Suite for Toy Piano or Other Keyboard Instruments (selections)

John Cage: Suite for Toy Piano (selections)

Scott Paulson: Fanfare for Toy Piano; Piece for Bubble Wrap and Toy Piano

Mrs. Amy Beach: Gavotte and Waltz

Phillip Glass Tribute

H. Cucaro: Toy Piano Tango

L. Rene: When the Swallows Come Back to Capistrano

R.A. Goguen: Happy Ragtime Tune

Tchaikovsky: Finale of the 1812 Overture

Scott Paulson's Toy Piano Collection consists of musical instruments, recordings, related literature and music scores. It is held at Geisel Library at the University of California, San Diego, where Mr. Paulson and his colleagues host an annual toy piano festival every September.

Composers visit Mr. Paulson and pick a specific toy piano from his collection, and a piece is written specially for that instrument. Some toy pianos only have nine notes, some three octaves—so each piece has its own special charm and special limitations. The Central Library concert will feature just a small sampling of the many toy pianos in Mr. Paulson's collection.

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Scott Paulson is an award-winning soundscape artist who has been heard on radio, television and film. His own performance ensemble, The Teeny-Tiny Pit Orchestra, provides live music for silent film screenings, ballet productions, radio dramas, operas, and theatrical productions. Paulson plays oboe in the San Diego Chamber Orchestra and also is the University Carillonneur at UCSD, performing live on Geisel Library's rooftop chimes (yes, he takes song requests!) Mr. Paulson also serves as the Outreach Coordinator for the UCSD Arts Library for which he founded and directs various festivals: The Short Attention Span Chamber Music Series, the annual Toy Piano Festival, The Not-So-Silent Film Festival, and a Paper Theatre Festival. This holiday season Mr. Paulson will reprise his award-winning on-stage role as Sam the sound effects man at Cygnet Theatre's radio drama re-enactment of "It's a Wonderful Life."

The concert is free and open to the public. Pay parking lots and metered parking are available in the vicinity of the library.

For further information, please call the Library's Art and Music Department at 236-5810, or visit the Library web site at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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