

## **Delian Music celebrates its 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Biennial “Recital in Concert”**

Delian Music , your neighborhood music store, celebrated its 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary “Recital in Concert” Silent Auction and Raffle at the LAX Holiday Inn on Century Blvd recently. It was an all day event and attended by over 500 people. Funds from the sale of silent auction items and raffle items are donated to the Delian Music Education Foundation – an affiliate of Delian Music which provide financially disadvantaged children music lessons. Approximately 120 students performed either in solo, duo, trio, ensemble or in a band with many different instruments. Everything from classical to jazz, rock, blues, standards and original compositions were played by the students and enjoyed by an enthralled audience. “In this day of internet saturation and computer isolation, it is very important to keep our children engaged with one another so we do not raise a generation of kids who have no social or teamwork skills. Taking music lessons teaches those very important social skills. For years we have known that taking music lessons improve math and science skills by helping our children to think, but now we can add the important benefit of teaching social skills to children.” says Candace Blankenship, owner of Delian Music.

Among some of the highlights of the day was Winston Ludlow, a guitar student of Delian Music for many years, who rocked with his rendition of “Sweet Child of Mine” by Guns n’ Roses - right down to the cool sun glasses and black top hat! Girl-band “The Purple Plumes” (Amber Tell, Gabbie Kenemuth and Susie Santorella) rocked on “Careful What You Wish For” by Jonathon Brook. Mother and daughter team, Margaret and Gattris Pitts performed a marvelous rendition of Beethoven’s “Moonlight Sonata” on piano and violin while Chris Turner, a student for over 5 years, performed an almost flawless performance of “Meditation” on flute. The Delian Music Student Ensemble consisting of 15 students and directed by Delian teacher Mr. Charles Green, opened up the second half of the recital by playing several traditional songs with a jazzy beat. The Woolsen brothers, Charlie and John, lent a classical sound to the concert by performing Mozart and Bach pieces dressed in handsome tuxedos. For the finale, Sophia and Michael Farland, a brother-sister team, dazzled the audience with their duo performance of “Don’t Stop Believin” by Journey. All of Drum teacher’s Bobby Borg’s students wrote original compositions including “The Two Rockin Girls” by Sara Flourney, and Ame Able. Marcus Davis grooved out on his own drum solo “The Groove Solo.” Star Bowen excelled at playing a very difficult piece by Aerosmith entitled “Dream On.” J.P. Waggoner again brought back a classical tone to the concert by performing an excellent “Tarantella” by Sergei Prokofiev. The Ruvulcaba children, Oswaldo, Jasmine and Jose entertained the audience by each showing their individual skills on piano and clarinet.

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And that is a good place to start – “Don’t Stop Believin” – in music lessons and in your kids and in what they can accomplish.

**Delian Music is located at 550 W. Manchester Blvd., Inglewood, Ca 90301, one block east of La Cienega by Randy’s Donuts. For more information about how you can donate to the music foundation, or for lessons for you or your child please call 310-677-2900 or check out their website at [www.delianmusic.com](http://www.delianmusic.com).**