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"THE KEY TO YOU" BENEFIT CONCERT UNLOCKING THE WORLD OF AUTISM

*Fundraiser features **jazz great David Benoit and former Ambrosia frontman David Pack** in concert*

"THE KEY TO YOU" will unlock the world of autism at a special benefit concert for Pacific Autism Center for Education (PACE) on Sunday, September 10, 2006, 4:30-8:30 pm at the private residence of Atherton's Mayor, Charles Marsala. The outdoor garden concert, presented by Heart of Silicon Valley (HOSV), will feature two headliners: three-time GRAMMY® nominee pianist/composer **David Benoit** and GRAMMY® winning artist/producer and former Ambrosia lead singer **David Pack**. Event emcees will be local celebrities Terilyn Joe, News Anchor; Atherton Mayor Charles Marsala; and KFOG News Director and Morning News Anchor Peter Finch, a long-time supporter of children with autism.

Proceeds from the concert and silent auction will benefit PACE, a non-profit organization in Sunnyvale that provides education, treatment and housing for autistic individuals from early childhood through adulthood. Heart of Silicon Valley, another local non-profit, raises funds for different charitable organizations by bringing people together through music in intimate venues on the Peninsula.

"We are thrilled to bring the talents of David Benoit and David Pack to such an intimate venue for this worthy cause," says Yvonne Wolters of Heart of Silicon Valley. "Their generous support is invaluable in generating awareness and support for the needs of children with autism."

Composer, pianist **David Benoit** made an indelible mark on contemporary jazz when he pioneered the popular smooth jazz sound of the '80s. Twenty-three solo recordings later, Benoit has added straight-ahead jazz recordings, television themes, film scores and classical compositions to his list of accomplishments. Benoit's name is considered synonymous with Charlie Brown after 10+ years of composing music for Peanuts TV specials. In 2000 Benoit released, "Here's To You, Charlie Brown: 50 Great Years," a wonderful, heartfelt tribute to the genius of late Peanuts creator Charles Schulz.

www.benoit.com

Co-headlining the event is singer-songwriter and guitarist **David Pack** who has won international acclaim both for his insightful solo work and his stellar turn as main composer and frontman for the pop-rock powerhouse band **Ambrosia**. Pack, who is one of contemporary music's most distinctive voices, is also renowned as a producer for stars including Wynonna, Phil Collins, Aretha Franklin, Kenny Loggins,

Michael McDonald, and many others. Songs like "Biggest Part of Me," and "You're the Only Woman" are just a few of Pack's award-winning contributions. www.davidpack.com

David Benoit and David Pack, friends and collaborators, co-wrote "The Key to You," the song which inspired the event's theme. They are also both caring fathers with special children. "As a parent of an adopted "special needs" child (now 23) who survived S.I.D.S. (sudden infant death syndrome), I certainly have a deep feeling for both the children and parents dealing with Autism," says Pack. Benoit also has adopted a daughter (now 7) from Japan and has earned the Mentor of the Year Award for his many hours spent visiting classrooms throughout the country to teach children about music.

Autism rates have increased at an alarming rate—nearly one in every 166 children born today will be diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, more than 10 times the incidence only 20 years ago.

Pacific Autism Center for Education (PACE), founded in 1989, provides therapy, education, housing and, most of all, hope for those with autism. PACE's Early Intervention program for toddlers and preschoolers, PACE school for students ages 6-22, Adult Day program and Residential homes enable individuals with autism to experience the satisfaction and fulfillment of learning, self-expression, self-care, productive work and interpersonal and community experiences. www.pacificautism.org

Heart of Silicon Valley was founded in 2002 when a group of people, mostly in their twenties and thirties, realized that they could make a difference by working together for a worthy cause. Fueled by the desire to contribute to the community in a personal way, HOSV raises funds for different charitable organizations by bringing people together through music in warm venues, usually homes, on the Peninsula. HOSV provides a means for professionals, philanthropists, musicians, and businesses to work together to raise money and visibility for non-profits. To date, HOSV has raised over \$160,000 to benefit inner-city at-risk children, after-school art mentoring and enrichment programs, children and young adults with cancer, emancipated foster youth and others.

Event sponsors include Equinix, the leading provider of network-neutral data centers and Internet exchange services, Duckhorn Winery, voted 2005 Winery of the Year by the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and local restaurants who will provide hors d'oeuvres for the event.

Tickets (tax-deductible) for "THE KEY TO YOU" featuring David Benoit and David Pack on Sunday, September 10, 4:30-8:30 pm, are \$100 per person for general seating. Premier tickets are \$250 each and include table seating, beverage and hors d'oeuvre service, and a backstage pass for the artist reception. A limited number of Sponsored Tables are available for \$2,500. The outdoor garden concert, which includes a hosted reception, hors d'oeuvres provided by local restaurants, and a silent auction, will be held at the home of Atherton Mayor Charles Marsala at 33 Emilie Ave. Tickets are limited. Pre-purchase tickets at www.hosv.org. For event/sponsoring organization info, see: Equinix www.equinix.com, Pacific Autism Center for Education www.pacificautism.org, Heart of Silicon Valley www.hosv.org, or contact Yvonne Wolters, ywolters@earthlink.net, 650/856-8041 or Karen Kennan, karenkennan@pacificautism.com, 408/245-3400.

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Calendar Listing

- **Benefit Concert**

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WHAT: **"THE KEY TO YOU"** featuring legendary Jazz Pianist **David Benoit** and Grammy Award winning singer/songwriter/producer **David Pack** Outdoor Garden Concert, Hosted Reception and Silent Auction to Benefit Pacific Autism Center for Education (PACE)

WHO: Produced by Heart of Silicon Valley (HOSV)

WHEN: Sunday, September 10, 2006, 4:30-8:30 pm

WHERE: 33 Emilie Avenue, Atherton

COST: Tickets (tax-deductible): \$100 General Seating
\$250 Premier (Table Seating, Artist Reception, and other VIP benefits)
Pre-purchase at www.hosv.org

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NARRATIVE:

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