



## DANA POINT COASTAL ARTS CONCERT SERIES OPENS FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup>

**DANA POINT, CA (February 2010)** - In collaboration, Dana Point Coastal Arts and the City of Dana Point are bringing world-class classical music to Dana Point.

**Dana Point Coastal Arts Concert Series** is a classical music series featuring solo performers and chamber orchestras, aimed at cultivating new generations of appreciative listeners and making classical music available to Dana Point.

**The series will begin on February 18th at 7:30pm** with two prize winning and world renowned musicians: **Laszlo Mezo**, recognized as one of the most talented cellist from Hungary and international prizewinner and **Steven Vanhauwaert**, a concert pianist hailed by the *LA Times* for his “sense of structure and monster technique” who studied in Belgium and has appeared in major concert halls across Europe and the USA. Both graduated from USC School of Music.

Artistic Director of the series is Berenika Schmitz, a Dana Point resident, and one of the most exciting young pianists today. Berenika attended the Juilliard School, Harvard University, the Royal Academy of Music and Christ Church, Oxford University. She has performed at Lincoln Center, Wigmore Hall in London and has been broadcast by the BBC, NPR and more. When she can find the time, she is the Vice President of the Officer's Wives' Club of Camp Pendleton.

And that is just the beginning. The following world class performances dates are:

March 11- **Camerata Nova Solista**, A new string chamber ensemble based in Southern California, performing a broad range of musical styles without a conductor.

April 15 – **Montage Civic Orchestra**, based in Orange County led by Dean Anderson, director of the Fullerton College Symphony.

May 20 – **Mira Khomik**, violin virtuoso and winner of the Chapman Instrumental Competition and current member of several other orchestras and ensembles.

Ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$8 for seniors (65 and over), students and military. Performances are at 7:30pm at St. Edward’s Church, 33926 Calle La Primavera in Dana Point. Tickets may be purchased at the door, or call ahead to reserve at 949-542-8361.

A non-profit community leader in promoting excellence among artists, Dana Point Coastal Arts views this endeavor as stimulating and artistic cultural entertainment for the community, one that builds community focus as well as civic involvement.

Photos of performers are available upon request.

### **Dana Point Coastal Arts**

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