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House of Hope – Mer Hoops, Inc. is a California non-profit corporation whose mission is to educate and save the lives of girls in Armenia aged 8-22 who come from seriously disadvantaged lifestyles. Mer Hoops operates in partnership with and under the auspices of His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian of the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America.

The incidence in Armenia of human trafficking, prostitution, suicide, and other unfortunate means of survival for these children is dramatic. To mitigate this devastating impact, Mer Hoops is now in its sixth year of housing, educating and supporting girls from seriously disadvantaged living environments in Armenia. We are providing psychological support, family reunification, education, job and life skills training, and other supports for these deserving children. More than seventy percent of our first graduating class of 15 girls are living independently and attending university in Armenia. Three have married into safe, loving families and have started their own families, while continuing to pursue a higher education.

On **October 14, 2018, at 2:30 p.m.**, Mer Hoops will present an **Art Exhibition** followed by a **Gala Concert** at the Calabasas Performing Arts Center, 22855 Mullolland Highway, Calabasas, California 91302. Our art exhibition will feature examples of more than sixty paintings by nineteen-year-old Mer Hoops graduate and prize winning artist Armine Arshakyan-Vardanyan and her husband Sooren. In addition to complimentary tickets, event sponsors of \$500 or more will receive a gift of notecard sets depicting pieces of Armine's work. Paintings will be available at the event for donations (separate from sponsorships and tickets) of suggested levels of \$250 or more. Donations for artwork will help support the Vardanyan family.

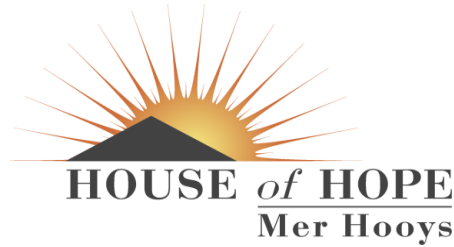
Our concert will feature performances by talented classically trained young Armenian-American musicians. Dr. Alexander Wasserman, professor of music at Reinhart University School of Performing Arts in Georgia, will perform the **Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 3 in D minor, Opus 30**, with orchestra conducted by his mother Jo Anne Gondjian Wasserman. His performance will be dedicated to the memory of his late grandfather, James (Jimmy) Gondjian. Dr. Michael Krikorian, a recent doctoral graduate of Thornton School of Music at the University of Southern California, will perform two of his own compositions/arrangments, and music composed by Sergei Rachmaninoff and Liszt/Gounod. Talented vocalists Sevag Derderian accompanied by classical guitarist Satik Andriassian, and Lauren Hazarian Movsesian, Colette Compton and Clarise Compton accompanied by Lisa Yaldezian, will perform classical and Armenian vocal solos.

Please help us achieve our mission of breaking the cycle of dependency for those who are far less fortunate than we are. Your generous donation as an event sponsor will receive recognition in our program booklet. With “hope” and your support we can achieve great things.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Krikorian, President

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OCTOBER 14, 2018 MER HOOYS CONCERT SPONSOR FORM

**PLEASE SEND BEFORE AUGUST 31, 2018 TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BOOKLET
AND TO ENSURE PRIORITY VIP SEATING**

I want to support Mer Hoops and will be a sponsor for the October 14, 2018 Gala Concert and Art Exhibition, at the *Calabasas Performing Arts Center, 22855 Mulholland Hwy., Calabasas, CA 91302.*

Name: _____
Please print name(s) as you wish it to appear in our program booklet.

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____
(Please ensure that you provide the above information, so we can contact you about priority seating.)

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES *(please check one):*

_____ \$5000	Gold Sponsor:	6 tickets
_____ \$2500	Bronze Sponsor:	4 tickets
_____ \$1000	Silver Sponsor:	2 tickets
_____ \$ 500	Friend's Circle:	1 ticket

_____ *In addition to my complimentary ticket(s), please reserve _____ additional tickets at \$85 each.*
_____ *I cannot attend the performance and do not need tickets, but I would like to be a sponsor, in the amount of \$_____.*

All Sponsor tickets will be available at Will-Call on the performance date. We will reserve VIP seating for our sponsors in a preferred location. Sponsors of \$1000 or more will be invited to a private reception after the concert, venue to be announced, with the artists and special guests.

PREFERRED SEATING WILL BE RELEASED ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2018 TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. ALL GENERAL PUBLIC RESERVED SEAT TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE. EARLY BIRD DONATION RATE IS \$85, PLUS SERVICE CHARGE, FROM AUGUST 1-SEPTEMBER 15, 2018. DONATION FOR ALL TICKETS WILL INCREASE ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2018 TO \$100 PLUS SERVICE CHARGE.

Total amount enclosed (including for additional tickets): \$ _____

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