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YOUNG ARTISTS COMPETITION WINNER PERFORMS ON NPR'S "FROM THE TOP"

Carmel, CA, January 26, 2006 – The Carmel Bach Festival is proud to report that one of our 2003 Young Artists Competition Winners will be performing on the nationally syndicated NPR program "From the Top". Marielle Murphy first performed on the Sunset Center stage in 2003 accompanied by her sister Alana Murphy as one of the Carmel Bach Festival Young Artists Competition Winners. "It's been a real treat watching Marielle Murphy grow from a talented "kid" to a wonderful young woman. Her voice has blossomed and she is turning into a fine, artistic singer," says Festival Education Director, David Gordon. Marielle, now 17, is a talented soprano and studies voice with soprano Linda Purdy in Monterey.

"From the Top" will be recorded at the Sunset Center in front of a live audience on **February 2nd**. Marielle will be wowing the audience with a presentation of Faure's "Mandolin". We are thrilled that she is being given the opportunity to showcase her talent to a wider audience.

The Young Artists Competition is a program of the Carmel Bach Festival Discovery Series. Each spring, the Festival holds public auditions for children, age 19 or younger, to play or sing the music of J.S. Bach and other Baroque composers. Auditions are open to all young people in Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties.

The winners have the opportunity to rehearse in a professional environment on the Sunset Theater stage and to perform in the Family Concert on the third Saturday of the Festival. The judges for the competition include members of the Festival artistic staff, the Head of the Music Department at Hartnell College and staff from the Monterey County Symphony. Auditions for the 2006 Young Artist Competition will take place on **April 8th** in the recital hall at California State University Monterey Bay. Auditions are by appointment only, and interested young musicians should contact the Carmel Bach Festival for more information.

The FREE Young Artists concert takes place on Saturday, **July 29**, and will be hosted by Festival Education Director David Gordon.

The Carmel Bach Festival Discovery Series consists of a more than 50 FREE educational and outreach events during the 23 day celebration of the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, his contemporaries, and musical heirs. The main purpose of the Discovery Series is to introduce new audiences to Bach and Baroque music and to enrich and develop the knowledge of current Festival attendees. In addition, the Discovery Series showcases and develops the musical talent of local youth. The Carmel Bach Festival offers its brilliant musical experience to new audiences through performances by international artists, a unique and stimulating slate of concerts, recitals, public master classes, instrumental and vocal music, lectures, informal talks, educational and family events. Join us **July 15 – August 5, 2006**.

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