



N E W S

El Camino College | Public Relations & Marketing Department
16007 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance, CA 90506
Telephone: (310) 660-3406 | FAX: (310) 660-3946 | Contact: Ann M. Garten

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 19, 2006

El Camino College Music Department Gift

The El Camino College Music Department recently received a major gift from Mary Haag, wife of the late Robert Haag, an accomplished pianist who taught music at El Camino College for 40 years before serving as a trustee and board president.

The donation represents a treasure trove of music literature, including original editions of the Bach-Gesellschaft Werke (Bach Works Catalogue), Kalmus complete edition (Beethoven), as well as nearly 200 other piano music scores.

Haag taught generations of South Bay students about music, including music history and theory. He was a longtime Torrance resident and lived in the South Bay for more than 50 years.

Haag's dedication to El Camino College was legendary. He was responsible in the late 1960s for developing the college's community service programs, known today as the El Camino College Center for the Arts. He was also known to play recitals in Haag Recital Hall to raise funds for the music department – once staging a marathon recital session, which brought in \$22,000 to help pay for a Steinway grand piano for Marsee Auditorium. He passed away in 2005 at the age of 73 following a brief illness.

###