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El Camino College to Host "Rock the Cause" – Benefit Concert

A lineup of six local bands will rock El Camino College's Marsee's Auditorium for a live concert to benefit the South Bay Youth Orchestra. The musical event "Rock the Cause" runs from 6 to 11 p.m. May 15. Attendees of all ages are welcome; all are invited to watch their favorite band, or stay for the whole show.

Bands performing for the concert include: Midnight Urge, indie rock; Taylor Collins, indie rock; The Vignatis, gypsybilly; Missing Piece, alternative reggae-rock; The New Room, alternative indie rock; and Mismatch, alternative rock.

A raffle for the evening will send one winner home with an Epiphone Les Paul Standard guitar. The winner must be present to win.

The South Bay Youth Orchestra has been providing a rewarding musical outlet to young orchestral musicians throughout the South Bay for more than a decade. Orchestra members, who range in age from 8 to 18, have performed alongside such renowned artists as Hawaiian ukulele master Jake Shimabukuro, Grammy nominee Keali'i Reichel, Grammy Award winner Daniel Ho, the Kelly Irish Dancers, Yesterday: A Tribute to the Beatles, and Grammy Award-winning fiddle artist Richard Greene.

Led by full-time El Camino College faculty member Patrick Schulz, the organization includes a staff of highly-regarded teachers, conductors, and performers who represent each family of instruments within the orchestra. The orchestra is open to all middle, junior and senior high school students who play string, woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments. Auditions are in September, by appointment only, in Marsee Auditorium. Rehearsals are also held in Marsee Auditorium, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday.

El Camino College is located at 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, near Torrance. Tickets to "Rock the Cause" cost \$12 and are available at the box office, or by phone at 310-329-5345. Parking on the El Camino College campus is free for this event.