

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No. 13-335

Resolution Congratulating *Peter Meckel* on the)
celebration of Hidden Valley Music Seminars 50th Anniversary...)

WHEREAS, this year marks the 50th anniversary of the non-profit institute of the arts ~ Hidden Valley Music Seminars ~ Carmel Valley, California, which is dedicated to the nurturing and development of young musicians and artists; and

WHEREAS, it is difficult to run a non-profit arts entity, especially for fifty years, and the one constant throughout this half-century is Hidden Valley Music Seminar's Founder and General Director, *Peter Meckel*; and

WHEREAS, *Peter Meckel* founded Hidden Valley Music Seminars out of a deep concern for the development of extraordinary talented young artists in the fields of music, theatre, dance, and opera; and

WHEREAS, *Peter Meckel* grew the program from a fledgling summer camp in a contemporary location in 1963, to a year-round supporter of the arts, owning its land with a theatre, dorm rooms for forty, kitchen, dining hall, dance and rehearsal spaces, and an organic vegetable garden; and

WHEREAS, Hidden Valley Music Seminars started as a music camp for talented high school vocalists and instrumentalists, and expanded to offer dance classes and recitals, full-scale productions of opera and musical theatre, and has become renowned for its master classes taught by world class musicians; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, the Master Class students have benefitted from the talents of innumerable artists of the highest caliber, most often going on to exemplary careers in the nation's orchestras and small ensemble groups; and

WHEREAS, some of the luminaries who have conducted Master Classes at Hidden Valley include the great flutists Julius Baker and Jean-Pierre Rampal, the extraordinary soprano Elizabeth Schwartzkopf, composer Samuel Barber, and oboists Elaine Douvas and John Mack; and

WHEREAS, Philip Glass sponsored performances of his string quartets, and a number of first chair musicians from the New York Philharmonic and the Metropolitan Opera, who also teach at The Julliard School, have taught at Hidden Valley Music Seminars; and

WHEREAS, Hidden Valley Music Seminars is an active partner with a wide range of groups, which share its zeal for education and excellence. Many of these partnerships have flourished for decades, and extended Hidden Valley's reach to learners of all ages around the world, including Orff Schulwerk, Northern California Flute Camp, and Elderhostel; and

WHEREAS, *Peter Meckel* has impacted many lives and has helped pass along many legacies, through teaching and performance; and

WHEREAS, through good times, difficult times, and many slim years, *Peter Meckel* continues to be the tenacious advocate and champion of providing education in the arts to young artists and the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, congratulates *Peter Meckel* on the celebration of Hidden Valley Music Seminars 50th Anniversary and wishes him continued success, peace, and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 5th day of November, 2013, upon motion of Supervisor Salinas, seconded by Supervisor Parker, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Armenta, Calcagno, Salinas, Parker, Potter
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

I, Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 77 for the meeting on November 5th 2013.

Dated: November 6, 2013
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Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of
Supervisors, County of Monterey, State of
California

By *Arlene Boyd*
, Deputy