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### Music in the Air: Janice Feldman Honors Her Mother's Memory with a Trumpet Concert From Music Academy of the West

The way music connects us all is nothing short of extraordinary. A symphony that calms or ignites the soul is one of life's purest pleasures. This is something I have always believed.

My precious mother Lea and I shared a profound appreciation for music, and I am incredibly grateful to have recently hosted an intimate trumpet concert in her lasting memory, and from a remarkable music academy that is well-deserving of recognition.

At the exquisite Rosewood Miramar Beach in Montecito, California, we welcomed the prestigious Music Academy of the West, an incredible establishment for truly gifted and classically trained young musicians. Founded in 1947, the Academy offers a full-scholarship program, one of only a handful of its kind. The Academy provides tuition, housing, meals and rehearsal facilities for all fellows as well as opportunities for training in master classes with best-in-class faculty and guest artists, including stellar musicians and prodigies from around the world. The scholarship program is based solely on merit, which I applaud.

Recent alumni have won positions in the Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas and Baltimore Symphony Orchestras and are on the rosters of the Metropolitan Opera, Opera Australia, Sarasota Opera, and Seattle Opera to name a few.

This year, the Academy received more applications than ever before, selecting from 1,980 individuals to fill the coveted 140 meritocratic fellowship seats. The most diverse group ever, these exceptional selected fellows hail from 18 countries and 21 of the United States, and are some of the most skilled and dedicated young talents in the world.

A special selection of the Academy's trumpet players Gustavo Araujo Leite, Sarah Jessen, Alex Mayon, and Francis Laporte performed at my mother's tribute. All in attendance were beyond touched by the marvelous spirit of their talents. What a beautiful way to spread the joy music brings and the emotional connection of a shared experience.

For those generous souls who wish to support truly brilliant artistry, your tax-deductible contribution to the Music Academy of the West makes a world of opportunities possible for its classically trained young musicians.

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I always believe my mother lets me know when she is near through birds? a beautiful crow visited during the performance.