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SPECIAL NEEDS JAZZ ENSEMBLE TO PERFORM WITH QUEENS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

OLD BETHPAGE, NY – On Sunday, April 19th, 2015, the Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE) FREE Players Jazz Ensemble, a group of differently-abled individuals who participate in FREE's theater day program, will perform on the same stage as the Queens Symphony Orchestra when they open for the symphony at the I Hate to Practice Family Series Concert. The concert will take place at 3:00 p.m. at the LeFrak Hall of Queens College, 65-30 Kissena Boulevard, Flushing. Tickets for the event are free of charge to the public, but reservations are required. To reserve a seat please visit <u>www.queenssymphony.org</u>.

Where: Queens College LeFrak Hall 65-30 Kissena Boulevard Flushing, NY 11367

When: Sunday, April 19, 2015 3:00 p.m.

This program will feature Ravel's Mother Goose Suite, Featuring Animation by the Scott Bros. Duo with original narration by Sandi Billingslea; Saint-Saen's Carnival of the Animals with original narration by Sandi Billingslea; and a Premiere piece by Lawrence Dillion.

About Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE)

Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE) founded in 1977 and headquartered in Old Bethpage,

benefits and proudly supports more than 4,000 individuals with intellectual disabilities, mental illness and traumatic brain injury. It is the mission of FREE to help individuals of all abilities realize their full potential. FREE provides a diverse array of supports and services including: housing, recovery services, transition to work, employment, day, community and family services, respite, crisis services, education and after-school support, primary and specialty health care and advocacy. For more information, please call 516-870-7000 or visit www.familyres.org.

About Queens Symphony Orchestra

The mission of the Queens Symphony Orchestra is dedicated to educating families and individuals of all ages about the universal value and necessity of orchestral music through live performance, educational programs and access to free instruments and instruction.

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