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**FIVE TIME GRAMMY NOMINEE, COMPOSER AND CONDUCTOR, DAVID BENOIT AND THE ASIA AMERICA SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION (AASA), WILL LAUNCH ITS 2013 CONCERT SERIES, “A MAGICAL NIGHT” AT THE COMEDY AND MAGIC CLUB IN HERMOSA BEACH, CA., MARCH 3, 2013**

Music Director, David Benoit, presents outstanding young musicians of the ASIA AMERICA YOUTH ORCHESTRA (AAYO) with an evening filled when East-meets-West, classical-meets-jazz and fusing them all together for an evening of great music! The concert will feature the AAYO Woodwind Trio, AAYO Jazz Ensemble and many more surprises!

Make the evening “A Magical Night.” Arrive at 6:30pm prior to the 8pm show to enjoy cocktails and dinner featuring a menu created by some of the finest chefs in California. The Comedy and Magic Club provides an ideal, intimate environment for a wonderful and entertaining evening. Seating is limited. Tickets are still available online at [www.asiaamericasympphony.org](http://www.asiaamericasympphony.org) or call 310.377.8977.

Refer to the AASA website to see the full 2013 concert schedule and other events sponsored by the organization.

**About David Benoit** - David Benoit’s career spans over three decades as a contemporary jazz pianist and composer, including over 25 solo recordings that have garnered him several Grammy nominations. Benoit’s talents expand into conducting symphonic orchestral music endeavors that include his ongoing role as conductor of the Asia America Symphony Orchestra and Youth Orchestra. He has led such eminent orchestras as the Los Angeles Philharmonic and other orchestras worldwide.

He has arranged, conducted and performed music for many pop and jazz artists over the years, including Russ Freeman and the Rippingtons (he was involved with the band in its formative stages), Kenny Loggins, Patti Austin, Dave Koz, David Sanborn and many more.

May 29, 2012, Benoit launched his newest album, "Conversation" which features such artists as guitarist, David Pack, flutist Tim Weisberg, classical pianist Robert Theis and many other guest artists. His idea was to take classical and jazz and combine them to have a "Conversation".

As founder and music director and conductor of the Asia America Youth Orchestra, David devotes countless hours mentoring talented young musicians.

**About AASA** – Since its origination in 1961, the Asia America Symphony Association is dedicated to opening artistic and cultural borders throughout Southern California by fusing the music of east and west in innovative, exciting ways. Under the guidance of its conductor and music director David Benoit, the Symphony is currently striking out in bold new directions, inviting new Asian artists as well as prominent ones from abroad who may not be known to local audiences, combining performances of jazz and classical compositions within the same program, and introducing traditional Asian instruments into traditional western classical performances in very non-traditional ways.

AASA Mission Statement: The Asia America Symphony Association is dedicated to enriching the communities of Southern California with classical and jazz music through: a union of eastern and western cultures, presenting concerts, and promoting the development of young musicians.

**About The Comedy and Magic Club** – The Comedy & Magic Club is a comedy and magic club located in Hermosa Beach, California that was opened by Michael Lacey in 1978. The Comedy & Magic Club has hosted such comics as Jerry Seinfeld, Ray Romano, and Jay Leno who headlines at the club every Sunday at 7pm.

The Comedy & Magic Club are best known for hosting 10 Comic shows on Fridays and Saturdays with top comedians around the U.S. and world performing some of their best 10 minutes of material at a time.

The Comedy & Magic Club is located at 1018 Hermosa Avenue, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. Phone: 310.372.1193.

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