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MUSIC WITH A MISSION – STRIKING A CHORD SINCE 2010

WHAT: Music With A Mission (MWAM) – Credo (Colburn Conservatory Musicians)

WHEN: Thursday – February 1, 2018 – 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

WHERE: The Midnight Mission, 601 S. San Pedro St., LA, CA 90014

WHO: Credo (Colburn Conservatory Musicians)

Credo Music, a non-profit organization, based in Oberlin, Ohio develops young musicians - musically, personally, and spiritually to prepare them for lives of music and service. Credo offers high-level musical training opportunities in Oberlin and around the country, taught by some of the finest faculty in the classical music world. The Credo experience goes beyond technical development, encouraging students to pursue personal excellence on par with their pursuit of instrument mastery. Out of a posture of acknowledging God as the source of the gift of music Credo students respond by serving their communities, both through music and through other forms of labor. Credo is pleased to present some of its alumni in performance at The Midnight Mission. Violist **Laura Pearson** is an active session and movie musician, who frequently performs with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and enjoys teaching with all of her heart. Laura is a graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory, where she studied with Credo's founder Peter Slowik. **Hector Gonzalez**, violin, has his Bachelor's in Music Performance from Biola University. Hector has performed at different venues in the Los Angeles area such as the Walt Disney Concert Hall, Shrine Auditorium, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion and Hollywood Bowl. Violinist **Amanda Sansonetti** is a native of Southern California and is active as a performer and teacher in the area. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Performance from Biola University and is passionate about nurturing love and enjoyment of music in the hearts of children and teens. **J.B. Weiners**, viola, received his Bachelor of Music degree from Biola University's Conservatory of Music and a Master's degree in Performance from the Longy School of Music of Bard College in Cambridge, Massachusetts. A teacher and freelance player, J.B. is involved in the chamber and orchestral music and can be found performing and recording with ensembles in both classical and non-classical genres.

For more information about Credo, please visit (www.credomusic.org)

WHY: The Midnight hosts Music With a Mission (MWAM) to entertain and inspire those living on Skid Row. Music is a survival tactic for many people in dealing with life's difficulties. MWAM is aimed at bringing our community together through music. MWAM is quite simple. Musicians bring their instruments and play for our homeless and near-homeless guests. It is an intimate setting, so musicians have the opportunity to interact with our guests, answer questions and/or talk about music and its history. We encourage musicians to invite their fan base so they can engage and enjoy music with individuals they would not normally encounter in their daily lives. **We are currently looking for sponsors for this ever-growing community event. If you are interested, please contact Georgia Berkovich at 213-624-4588 or gberkovich@midnightmission.org.**

About The Midnight Mission: Founded in 1914, The Midnight Mission offers paths to self-sufficiency to men, women and children who have lost direction. Our emergency services and 12-step recovery, family living, job training, education and workforce development programs offer a compassionate bridge to achieve and maintain healthy, productive lives. We remove obstacles and provide the accountability and structure that people who are experiencing homelessness need to be productive in their communities. Our conviction and commitment to their success define us. For additional information, please visit www.midnightmission.org.