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## **MUSICANOVA YOUNG ARTIST CONCERT SEASON OPENER** ***THIRD SEASON SHOWCASING EXCEPTIONAL VALLEY TALENT***

**PHOENIX, ARIZ.** – MusicaNova Orchestra announces the opening of its third season of Young Artists Concerts as guitarist JT Torrence and trumpeter Viveca Lawrie take the stage Saturday, September 24, 4:00 to 5:30 PM at the Arizona Piano Company, 4134 East Wood Street, Suite 200, Phoenix 85040. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$10 for seniors and students; youth under 18 are free with a paid admission.

The Young Artists Series presents extraordinarily talented solo artists under 18 in a formal recital format. Previous series performers are now studying at prestigious conservatories nationwide, including Juilliard, Peabody, Colburn, and Oberlin. Former Phoenix Youth Symphony and current Arizona Opera conductor Keitaro Harada said, "What your organization is doing to provide performance opportunities for young musicians is just fantastic."

Guitarist **Tyrone "TJ" Torrence**, currently a senior at the Arizona School for the Arts (ASA), is first chair in the advanced guitar ensemble at ASA. Tyrone has performed in many prestigious events such as the Encore event at Phoenix Symphony and the 2015 Prescott Valley Rotary Benefit, and has been invited to sit in with and perform for the Guitar Studio at ASU. TJ will be joined by collaborative pianist Haeju Choi.

Trumpeter **Viveca Lawrie**, 17, has been principal trumpet of the Phoenix Youth Symphony for the past three years. Her recent performance highlights include Handel's *Atalanta Overture* on piccolo trumpet with the MusicaNova Chamber Orchestra in February 2016. She's been a volunteer teacher with MusicaNova education partner Harmony Project-Phoenix since 2015.

MusicaNova is a professional symphony orchestra founded in the Valley in 2003, presenting its concert series throughout the Valley and conducting educational outreach with Valley schools,

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