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**Grammy® Winner Rick Springfield
and Terri Nunn from Berlin
Headline Ed Foundation Benefit Concert**

*Headliners join local band VENICE
and student musicians to raise funds for arts programs in
Santa Monica-Malibu public schools*

SANTA MONICA, CA, January 25, 2018 – Grammy® winner Rick Springfield and Terri Nunn from Berlin will join local favorites VENICE for the 2nd Annual Greg Coote Concert For The Arts. These star headliners, known for their respective hits like “Jesse’s Girl” and “Take My Breath Away,” will perform with student musicians from the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District’s (SMMUSD) nationally recognized orchestras, choirs and horn sections.

Taking place on March 10, 2018 at Santa Monica High School’s Barnum Hall, the concert will raise funds for the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation. Proceeds will support arts programs at all SMMUSD schools next year.

“Every year, the concert is an unforgettable celebration of the arts in our schools,” said Linda Greenberg, Executive Director of the Ed Foundation. “The magic that happens when rock stars are joined by our student orchestra, choir and horn section is incredible. We are so grateful to Rick Springfield and Terri Nunn for donating their time and talent to raise funds for our students and can’t wait to have our community experience this extraordinary show.”

Emmy® award-winning journalist Mark Steines, host of Hallmark Channel's "Home & Family," and longtime Los Angeles radio personality Cynthia Fox will emcee the evening, which will also feature a live auction of signed instruments, experiences and more.

Tickets for the concert will go on sale Friday, February 2 at 10:00 am at smmef.org.

This is the 13th production of the Ed Foundation’s popular concerts. Last year, the concert was renamed the Greg Coote Concert For The Arts, in memory of entertainment executive and SMMUSD parent Greg Coote. Coote led the Ed Foundation's For The Arts endowment campaign to ensure

continuity of arts programming for students in the Santa Monica-Malibu public schools. He sadly passed away in 2014, but left an indelible mark on arts education in local public schools.

All donations to the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation fund excellent programs – from art to STEM to wellness – that shape our future problem solvers, visionaries and global citizens. Contributions to the Ed Foundation change the lives of students in the Santa Monica-Malibu public schools.

About the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation

Established in 1982 by a dedicated group of parents, community leaders, and local business owners, SMMEF raises funds to enhance and supplement the curriculum of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. SMMEF's mission is to engage the community to invest in a vibrant educational experience for all students in the Santa Monica and Malibu public schools. SMMEF raises funds through its annual campaign, endowment earnings and special events. To learn more about SMMEF visit smmef.org or like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/smmef.