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MARIELLE CHRISTINE LEILANI YOUNG,
Soprano and Graduating High School Senior
Sidwell Friends School Senior Project

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
Strathmore Hall: The CHORAL Room
10701 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20852

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To help the Chennai, India Leprosy colonies become thriving, self-sufficient communities through:

- 1) Educating the colony children in a safe, healthy environment
- 2) Providing leprosy patients with their own small businesses using micro-finance, and
- 3) Addressing the unique health challenges of the colonies with mobile medical units.



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MARIELLE CHRISTINE LEILANI YOUNG

Soprano/Violinist/pianist, Marielle Christine Young is a graduating senior at Sidwell Friends School and Hawai'ian soprano. An officer in the Sidwell Chamber Chorus and Chorus, President of the Asian Students Association, and Business Editor of the *Quarterly*, recently won first place in the Kentlands Vocal Competition and recognized for her virtuosity by the National Association of Teacher's of Singing. At Sidwell, she has performed leading roles in Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore," "Sunday in the Park with George," "Les Miserables," and "The Music Man." She recently toured Munich and Prague with Sidwell's Chamber Chorus this spring, winning the Silver Medal in Young Prague's International Music Competition .

An accomplished violinist in the Maryland Classic Youth and Landon Symphonette Orchestras, Marielle performed both as solo vocalist and violinist at the Peace Memorial in Hiroshima, Japan, where, as a member of a special friendship U.S. delegation, she gave a command performance for the sole surviving Hiroshima Maiden. As pianist, violinist, and vocalist, she has appeared at the Kennedy Center, Strathmore Hall, at Temple Square in Salt Lake City, and in concerts spanning from the Hawai'ian Islands to the east coast.

A ballet, Hula, and Tahitian dancer, Marielle also holds a brown belt in karate, and won academic recognition from Johns Hopkins, the District of Columbia Math, Science, and Technology Fair, and has the distinction of being appointed as a research intern at the National Institutes of Health doing independent research at the Kidney, Diabetes, and Digestive Diseases Institute, where has been reappointed this summer. She has also received science internships from Walter Reed Army Hospital, and the University of Maryland/Howard Hughes Medical Center. She performs often in hospitals and nursing homes with her family quartet as violinist and vocalist. She is thrilled to begin her college career in the fall as a Kluge Scholar at Columbia University in New York City.

Marielle has studied with violin Professor Ella Stager of St. Petersburg, Russia since she was eight years old, and studies voice with Elizabeth Kirkpatrick Vrenios, former director of the vocal and opera departments at American University. She is also a protégé of her mentor, John Touchton, Music Director at Sidwell Friends School, and John Aler, Grammy award winning tenor.

She is honored to be performing this concert for her favorite charity, Rising Star Outreach (RSO), and dedicates her performance to the memory of Amber Douglas, whose compassion inspired her mother, Becky Douglas, to form RSO. Marielle thanks you for your vital (100% tax deductible!) support of RSO!