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Dear Parents,

It is with pleasure that I announce that Ms. Wendy Yamashita, a graduate of the Laboratory School, will be performing a benefit piano recital on Sunday, July 1, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. Please see the enclosed flyer for location, ticket information, and order form. The proceeds from this event, a fundraiser for the University Laboratory School Alumni Association Fire Fund, will further enable restoration of the facilities and programs affected by the school building fire last summer.

After graduating from the University Laboratory School, Ms. Yamashita received her Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the Juilliard School as an honorary scholarship student of Madame Adele Marcus. She completed her Doctor of Musical Arts degree under Robin McCabe at the University of Washington.

At the age of eight, Ms. Yamashita made her debut with the Honolulu Symphony and has since performed as guest soloist on several occasions. She has also appeared as guest artist with the Maui Symphony, Hawaii Symphony, Seattle Philharmonic, University of Hawaii Symphony Orchestra, University of Washington Symphony Orchestra, and the University of Washington Wind Ensemble.

As a recitalist and chamber music artist, Ms. Yamashita has performed in England at the Honeywell Hall and Jacqueline Du Pre Hall in Oxford and the Rudolph Steiner in London, at the Alice Tully Hall in Lincoln Center, the Kennedy Theatre for the Performing Arts in Washington DC, and the Meany Theatre in Seattle, as well as being featured on National Public Radio and Television. Locally, Ms. Yamashita has appeared at the Atherton Studio, Maui Cultural and Arts Center, Neal Blaisdell Concert Hall and Arena, Orvis Auditorium, Waikiki Shell, and War Memorial Auditorium.

As an educator, Ms. Yamashita has served on the piano faculty at the University of Washington and is currently a lecturer at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Ms. Yamashita is a Presidential Scholar and has been recognized for her outstanding achievements in the arts by former President Ronald Reagan and received commendations from the Superintendent of Education, The Mayor of Honolulu, and the Governor of the State of Hawaii.

On behalf of the Laboratory School students, parents, teachers, and staff, I thank Ms. Yamashita and the concert sponsors, Ernest Chang Piano Studio, Manoa Waioli Lions Club, and the University Laboratory School Alumni Association, for this benefit concert.

Sincerely,

Peter Estomago
Interim Principal