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**THE OVERTURE PROJECT IS HOSTING A
FUNDRAISER TO ENHANCE MUSIC PROGRAMS IN OUR SCHOOLS**

"STANDING OVATION"

Sunday, October 2, 2011 at Hoot Owl Picnic Grounds

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 21, 2011 – The Overture Project (OP), a music educational initiative by Russian River Chamber Music (a 501(c)3) is hosting a fundraiser on October 2, 2011 called "Standing Ovation" **to raise money to enhance music education programs in our local schools.** Music education used to be an integral component in the core curriculum for every student in California, and as funding has dried up, priorities have shifted and music programs are being cut. *Music is critical to a child's development as a whole person and Overture Project is working to bring music back as a priority in our schools.*

OP's mission is to put musical instruments back in the hands of our youth, provide funds for after school music programs and to offer a variety of scholarships to music students. This is a **free community event** with a suggested donation of just \$10. Everyone in our community is invited!

"Bring an instrument to donate or play, a picnic, a bottle of wine and your friends. This is a **"must attend" event in a spectacular setting, with one mantra: Together our community can bring music back to our schools!**" Said Vice President Tom Barnett. Don't miss this fun and casual community event!

The event is taking place on **Sunday, October 2nd from Noon – 6pm at Hoot Owl Picnic Grounds located at 8400 Highway 128 in Alexander Valley.** Guests will enjoy a **Music and Entertainment Faire** including performances by local talent **Steve Pile, Kim Carroll and Alex Kelly.** The **MC for the day is Healdsburg's own John Ballachey** who will be rallying guests to purchase items from the **Ovation Bazaar table** of everything-you-didn't-know-you-needed-items, **mystery Raffle** prizes and most importantly, guests will have the opportunity to help **sponsor a music student, an instrument, or a music teacher throughout the year.**

To register and for more information visit russianriverchambermusic.org, [facebook.com/HealdsburgOvertureProject](https://www.facebook.com/HealdsburgOvertureProject) or call 707.524.8700.