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**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL ASIAN AMERICAN WOMEN
(NAPAW)**

IS PLEASED TO PRESENT ITS 12th ANNUAL CONCERT

“A MEMORIAL TO SUSANNA”SUSIE” KIM”

Saturday, September 7, 2013 – 7:30 pm

John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts – Terrace Theater

Washington, DC

Susie’s Story: “On August 8, 2000, Susie Kim lost her year-and-a-half-long battle with cancer. She was just 30 years old. While fighting her own disease, she still cared about other cancer patients who were in similar circumstances. Her dream mission in life had been to help children, who struggled with various types of cancer, and who resided at the Children’s Inn at the National Institutes of Health, (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland. However, her strong desire and dreams were prevented by her terrible and mortal disease. Throughout Susie’s contest with this cancer, her courage and selflessness provided a source of inspiration for her family, friends, colleagues and all those whose lives she touched. She was deeply loved by all who knew her. This memorial concert is in part, an expression of our small contribution to the impact she had on our lives. This annual concert series stands as a commemoration and remembrance of Susie’s ongoing fight against cancer and her compassionate dedication to help others.”

“The annual report: “*Cancer Statistics, 2012*” published in the American Cancer Society’s Journal “*CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians*”, and its companion piece “*Cancer Facts & Figures 2012*” estimates the number of new cancer cases and deaths expected in the U.S. this year. These estimates are some of the most widely quoted cancers statistics in the world. A total of 1,638,910 new cases and 577,190 deaths from cancer are projected to occur in the U.S. in 2012. Between 1990/1991 and 2008, the most recent years for which data is available, overall death rates decreased by about 23% in men and 15% in women. This translates to more than 1 million deaths from cancer that were prevented.”

NAPAW extends invitations to the General Public, to join in the dedication of this Concert Series, in “Loving Memory of Susie Kim”, a “*Life Honored as a Gift to the World*”. Since 2001, when the memorial concerts series was initiated, donations in the amount of \$30,000 have been made to Johns Hopkins Medical Center for Cancer Research Programs, and an additional \$32,000 has been raised to create the “Susie Kim” Scholarship Fund.

This year’s concert will highlight national and international famed guest artists, who wish to dedicate and pledge their remarkable talent to this cause. In addition, participating as well will be “Flutopia” from Baltimore and the Washington Metropolitan Women’s Chorus, whose performances are intended as added contributions and commitments to the Memorial - an “elenco” of artists to create and produce a most memorable evening presentation.

ADDITIONAL CONCERT INFORMATION

The Memorial Concert to Honor the “Life of Susie Kim”

DATE: Saturday, September 7, 2013

TIME: 7:30 – 9:30 PM

PLACE: John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, “Terrace Theater”

WHAT: 12th Annual Memorial Concert, to honor Susanna “Susie” Kim

COST: \$40 (Adults) - \$25 (Students only)

DEADLINE: Wednesday, September 4, 2013

For Ticket details and more Information, please contact:

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