

Music Academy of the West

Hahn Hall Ribbon Cutting

CUTTING THE RIBBON on Hahn Hall, Carla and Stephen Hahn, benefactors, and James E. Davidson, Board Chair, also opened the doors to the Music Academy of the West's newly renovated on-campus recital facility, Tuesday at 6pm.

"This is an extraordinary achievement of the Music Academy and the entire Santa Barbara community. It signifies the beginning of an exciting new era for classical music performances in the region," said Music Academy Board Chairman James E. Davidson.

Erected in ten months at a total project cost of \$15.5 million, the hall has been named in honor of Music Academy benefactors Stephen and Carla Hahn, who contributed a total of \$6.1 million toward the building's renovation and maintenance.

"It far surpasses anything we imagined. Down to the last detail, we just love it," shared benefactor Carla Hahn. "We're grateful to John Burgee for the design and superb job. I understand he was here nearly every day."

When it is inaugurated June 23rd at the start of the MAW 2008 Summer School and Festival, Hahn Hall will include seating for 350, though seating capacity will be limited to 300 during non-festival months. The renovated facility features vastly improved acoustics, a raked floor for improved sightlines, new and larger bathrooms, a remodeled lobby, a ticket office, upgraded electrical and mechanical capabilities, and easy handicap access.

"We are thrilled to be throwing open the doors to this beautiful facility. The completion of Hahn Hall marks a major milestone for the Academy, and we couldn't be more proud," said Music Academy President NancyBell Coe.



Carla and Stephen Hahn enjoy the moment.



Carla and Stephen Hahn, benefactors, and James E. Davidson, Board Chair cut the ribbon at Hahn Hall



Dignitaries pose before the ribbon is cut: Sharon Westby; John Burgee; Stephen Hahn; James E. Davidson; NancyBell Coe; Jim Moore, and Jason Currie

Phillips Metsch Sweeney Moore Architects oversaw the project in collaboration with the renowned acoustics consulting firm McKay Conant Hoover. Frank Schipper Construction Co. served as the lead contractor.

For information about the MAW and its current Summer Festival season visit www.musicacademy.org and see page 6 for this week's schedule.



Deborah Schwartz and County Supervisor Salud Carbajal



Jeanne Martin and Keith Mautino