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## **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Diamond Award Winners Announced Awards Presented January 28, 2010 at the Redwood Shores Library**

**Belmont, CA-** Each year the Diamond Awards are presented to give recognition to individuals and organizations for their artistic achievements and contributions to the arts in San Mateo County. Awards are given in eight categories.

On January 28, 2010, Diamond Awards were presented to **Cindy Zhang** (Ray Lorenzato Young Artist Award), **Michael Lederman** (Arts Educator), **Masterworks Chorale** (Arts Organization), **Brooke Knight** (Individual Artist), **Gail Gandolfi** (Arts Volunteer), **Gelb Music** (Local Business Support), **South San Francisco City Council** (Government Support), and two awards for **Lucy Tolmach** (Special Recognition). The 8th Annual Diamond Awards was held from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., Thursday evening, January 28, 2010 at the beautiful **Redwood Shores Library**, Community Room at 399 Marine Parkway in Redwood City.

Over 130 people attended the celebratory evening of events that included an hors d'oeuvres and no-host bar reception, silent auction, special performances by the Princeton University Katzenjammers—the oldest, co-ed, collegiate *a capella* group in the nation--and an awards presentation.

Many community members participated in producing this event. They include:

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The Peninsula Arts Council (PAC) is a non-profit organization devoted to supporting, promoting and advancing the arts in San Mateo County. Funded by memberships and through proceeds from curating three galleries in the San Mateo County Government Center, Redwood City; it:

- Promotes the arts through marketing, outreach and education initiatives

- Honors artistic achievement in San Mateo County through an annual Diamond Awards event
- Provides resources to support and increase county arts education activities
- Hosts an artist's registry to help promote local artists and
- Serves as a community partner and resource.

The Council is guided by an all-volunteer board of directors, each of whom reside and/or work in San Mateo County. The board currently represents Art in Action, Art on the Square, Coastal Repertory Theatre, Silicon Valley Open Studios, Music at Kohl Mansion, San Carlos and Redwood City Arts Commissions, San Mateo County Convention and Visitors Bureau Film Commission, and volunteer arts advocates.

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