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WHO:
Bob Lappin and the Palm Beach Pops

WHAT:
9th Annual In-School Youth Education Program
Spring Finale Concert Graduates 5,025 Students featuring
13 year old Palm Beach Pops Florida Star Mark Mayea of Boca
Raton and local songstress Jill Switzer

WHERE: Sound Advice Amphitheatre

WHEN: May 14, 2007 11 AM

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **EVENT INCLUDES THE LARGEST AMOUNT OF CHILDREN EVER ENROLLED IN ONE SEMESTER 5,025**
- **THIS CONCERT REPRESENTS OVER 50,000 PB COUNTY SCHOOL CHILDREN BEING EDUCATED IN RUDIMENTS OF MUSIC AT NO COST TO THE SCHOOL BOARD SINCE THE PROGRAM'S INCEPTION**

(Palm Beach County)-May 22, 2007. In their continued commitment to introducing Palm Beach County grammar school children to the joys of the American Songbook and live orchestral performances, Bob Lappin and the Palm Beach Pops held their 9th annual Spring In-School Youth Graduation finale concert May 14 at Sound Advice Amphitheater. The concert, which is free to the public, begins at 11 AM.

The Spring 2007 program educated a record **5,025 children** from thirteen schools including **North Palm Beach Elementary, Lake Park Elementary, Potentials Charter School , Potentials South Charter School, H.L. Johnson Elementary, Grassy Waters Elementary, Wellington Elementary, Royal Palm Beach Elementary, U.B. Kinsey/Palmview Elementary, Westgate Elementary, Roosevelt Elementary, Citrus Cove Elementary and Crosspointe Elementary.**

Second, third, fourth and fifth grade Palm Beach County students complete an FCAT certified comprehensive course over a four-week period focusing on the four instruments families comprising an orchestra: woodwinds, brass, strings and percussion and are also taught the rudiments of music-harmony, melody and rhythm.

Led by the Palm Beach Pops' "**Music Man**," the host of the program, the In-School Youth Education Program culminates with a live orchestral concert during which **Maestro Lappin** conducts a special performance of the Palm Beach Pops orchestra. An extension of this program is the Tickets for Children and Families Program. This program provides promising students who complete the In-School Youth Education class, maintain above-average grades and demonstrate a commitment to music to receive complimentary tickets to a Palm Beach Pops concert during the regular season at the Kravis Center or at FAU in Boca Raton.

Guest artists appearing in this concert included 13 year old Boca Raton resident and Palm Beach Pops Florida Star **Mark Mayea** who performed a classical piano piece for the children and **local songstress Jill Switzer** who vocalized two American Songbook standards.

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Students performing with Orchestra

Lappin and Mayea

Graduating Students

About Bob Lappin & the Palm Beach Pops:

The Palm Beach Pops is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, dedicated to preserving the American Songbook and making the arts a part of basic education for children. For information about the Palm Beach Pops In-School Youth Education Program, Tickets for Children and Families, volunteer opportunities and tax-deductible donations please call **561.832-POPS** or visit **www.palmbeachpops.org**.