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The Provident Bank Foundation
Supports the Mayo Performing Arts Center
Grant supports the continuation of the Music Student of the Month Program

Morristown, NJ (June, 16, 2015) – The Provident Bank Foundation (http://providentnjfoundation.org), which supports organizations that are dedicated to improving the lives of residents in the communities served by Provident Bank, has awarded the Mayo Performing Arts Center with a $10,000 grant to continue its Music Student of the Month recognition program in 2015-2016.

Music Student of the Month is a recognition program honoring the achievements of middle and high school music students from Morris County. Teachers nominate students for musical aptitude combined with leadership skills, strength of character and artistic contributions to their school community. MPAC’s Education Department reviews nominations and selects honorees based on their achievement in artistic excellence. MPAC recognizes student honorees at eight main Stage performances throughout the year, provides students with two complimentary tickets to the event and hosts a final recital in June, in which the student honorees are invited to perform on its stage.

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Over 70 students were recognized for their talent during the 2014-2015 season. Nineteen students later returned to perform at a year-end recital on the MPAC stage on June 3 in front of family, friends and music teachers. Since the program was launched thirteen years ago, over 1,000 students have been honored in this program.

“MPAC thanks the Provident Bank Foundation for their generous support of our Music Student of the
Month program,” said Allison Larena, President and CEO, Mayo Performing Arts Center. “Provident is a valued community partner whose assistance has made it possible for our audiences to acknowledge the many talented young artists in Morris County who have made music and the performing arts an essential part of their lives.”

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About The Provident Bank Foundation
The Provident Bank Foundation was established by New Jersey’s oldest bank in 2003 to enhance the quality of life in the region through support of not-for-profit groups, institutions, schools and other organizations that provide services in communities served by Provident Bank. Since its founding, the Foundation has granted more than $19 million to not-for-profit organizations and institutions working toward stronger communities. For more information about The Provident Bank Foundation, visit http://www.ProvidentNJFoundation.org or call (862) 260-3990.

About the Mayo Performing Arts Center
Mayo Performing Arts Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, presents a wide range of programs that entertain, enrich, and educate the diverse population of the region and enhance the economic vitality of Northern New Jersey. The 2015-2016 season is made possible, in part, by a grant the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as support received from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, F.M. Kirby Foundation and numerous corporations, foundations and individuals. The Mayo Performing Arts Center has been designated a Major Presenting Organization by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

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Photo caption: Jane Kurek (Center, left), Executive Director of the Provident Bank Foundation, presents Cathy Roy (center right), Education Director at Mayo Performing Arts Center), a check in support of MPAC's Music Student of the Month (MSOM) 2015-2016 student recognition program. The pair are surrounded by several of the MSOM honorees from the 2014-2015 season.