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MEDIA ALERT FOR CALENDAR LISTINGS

HILLCREST CENTER FOR THE ARTS PRESENTS THE CLASSIC SILENT FILM SAFETY LAST! WITH LIVE ACCOMPANIMENT BY ZACHARY SPENCER

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. – The 1923 Silent Comedy Classic Safety Last! will be presented as part of the Conejo Classic Cinema series at the Hillcrest Center for the Arts on, Saturday April 26 at 3:00 pm. Original screened in the 1920's with live organ or piano, this screening will feature master pianist Zachary Spencer accompanying the film on a Steinway Grand Piano, generously provide by the Alliance for the Arts. The screening is in the Large Rehearsal room at the Hillcrest Center for the Arts, located at 403 W. Hillcrest Dr. in Thousand Oaks.

Safety Last! is a classic comedy from the Golden Age of silent movies starring and directed by Harold Lloyd. Filmed largely in downtown Los Angeles, the films iconic image is of Lloyd desperately clinging to the hands of a giant clock mounted high on a skyscraper above the busy city. Lloyd was famous, as was Buster Keaton, for his amazing film stunts. But this one was even more amazing considering that fact that four years earlier Lloyd lost his thumb, index finger and part of his palm when a prop bomb held a live charge and exploded in his hand. So with only one working hand he did all of his own stunts that are revered by film students and film makers to this day. The 2011 Oscar winning film Hugo, pays homage to Safety Last! twice in the film. There is a clip of the film used in one sequence, and in another, the young hero hangs from the hands of a clock in the train station where the film takes place.

Zachary Spencer has been a musician and musical director for over twenty years here in the Conejo Valley. He works with young people on productions at Young Artists Ensemble, including Musical Director of the upcoming Jesus Christ Superstar, the Teen Summer Musical. Zach also works often with Conejo Players and has been Musical director, conductor and pianist for the Ventura County Gilbert & Sullivan Repertoire Company for over seven years. He was also the first original resident musical director for the Magnificent Moorpark Melodrama Vaudeville Co. and performs for fund raisers and other community events.

Safety Last! is an afternoon of fun for the entire family! General Admission Tickets are only \$10 for all ages. and may be purchased at the Hillcrest Center for the Arts Box Office or by calling [\(805\) 381-1246](tel:8053811246) or www.hillcrestarts.com

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DETAILS FOR CALENDAR LISTINGS

WHAT: SAFETY LAST! Safety Last is a classic comedy from the Golden Age of silent movies starring Harold Lloyd. Our presentation will feature live piano accompaniment by master pianist Zachary Spencer on a gorgeous Steinway Grand Piano, generously provided by the Alliance for

the Arts. An afternoon of fun for the entire family! Presented in association with Conejo Classic Cinema.

WHEN:

Saturday, April 26 at 3:00 pm

WHERE:

Hillcrest Center for the Arts
403 W. Hillcrest Drive
Thousand Oaks, CA

HOW: [\(805\) 381-1246](tel:8053811246) or www.hillcrestarts.com<<http://www.hillcrestarts.com/>>

TICKETS:

General Admission: \$10

OTHER:

Free parking is always available. Accessible seating available by calling [\(805\) 381-1246](tel:8053811246). Assisted listening devices available in the Box Office.

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