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**FOUNTAIN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL STRING ORCHESTRA
SELECTED AS THE 2018 HANS SCHMELZER MUSIC AWARD RECIPIENT**

CHATSWORTH, CA (December 26, 2018) – The Alemannia Music Foundation has selected the Fountain Valley High School String Orchestra (Fountain Valley, California) as the recipient of the *2018 Hans Schmelzer Music Award*. The award was made in recognition of the efforts being made at the school to provide students the opportunity to study music influenced by the cultures of Central and Eastern Europe. The award includes a \$1,000 grant to be used by the school for its music program.

The award selection committee cited the performance of *Divertimento Es-Dur für vier Streichinstrumente* by Joseph Hayden and also *Deception (Music from the DaVinci Code for Percussion)* by Hans Zimmer as an excellent example of music that has been influenced by the music of Central and Eastern Europe and that has helped shape music development. In a letter to Al Nelson, Associate Director of Fountain Valley High School Instrumental Music, the committee stated, “We know that by studying and performing such music, your students will have a greater appreciation for the origins all genres of modern music and will have a broader awareness of the rich spectrum of music from around the world.” The performance was held at Fountain Valley High School on June 1, 2018.

The *Hans Schmelzer Music Award* was established in 2010 by the Alemannia Music Foundation to promote the study by musicians in the So. California area of music from the German speaking regions of Central and Eastern Europe. Through this study, student musicians will be able to better connect themselves with the roots of music development while also enhancing their own talents and applying their knowledge to the further development of music as a whole. More information about the award or the AMF is available at www.alemanniamusic.org.

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The Alemannia Music Foundation, Inc., is a recognized 501(c)3 non-profit educational organization which is supported by donations from private individuals and organizations. It is the goal of the AMF to educate both musicians and the general public about the music of Central and Eastern Europe to develop a better understanding of its origins and influences in our culture and achieve an appreciation for the ethnic diversities and strengths in our society.

The AMF provides workshops and participatory performance opportunities to musicians throughout the Southern California area wishing to study Central and Eastern European music. And through such performances, the AMF provides public education and appreciation for the richness and diversity of this music. The AMF also seeks to promote this class of music by providing grants to schools and other educational institutions, as well as supporting civic and cultural societies, clubs, and organizations who seek music education and appreciation for their members.

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