Resounding Joy to host free virtual 9th Annual Heart of a Child concert

San Diego non-profit, Resounding Joy Inc., recently announced that it will be hosting a livestreaming version of its popular Heart of a Child concert on Saturday, April 25.

The Heart of a Child concert has become the premier showcase of young local musical talent, with all performers this year being 18 years old or younger. What they lack in age, they more than make up for in talent. The performers have appeared on several network television shows, as well as local radio, iTunes and Spotify. Some of the classical musicians have performed at Carnegie Hall not once but multiple times — even winning national competitions.

Executive Producer Judy Grant says, “Year after year, these kids amaze me. Each one has been gifted with such a unique and amazing talent, and they use it to help benefit the youth in their community.”

This year’s concert will once again benefit the Ariana Miller Healing Notes Program, which has provided music therapy to thousands of children at Rady Children’s Hospital battling heart disease and other illnesses.

Melissa, an Acute Cardiac Care mom, says, “Music therapy brought joy to me and my daughter in our darkest hour, and I can’t begin to thank you for giving us those peaceful moments when we needed them most.”

To date, the concert has raised more than $400,000, including $235,000 in just the past three years, which has not only sustained the program but allowed for expansion of the program. Typically tickets to this event can be priced at more than $100, but this year’s streaming concert is free.

The concert will be streamed live on Facebook and YouTube April 25, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, visit ResoundingJoyInc.org. Donations can be made at GoFundMe.

Scripps Health launches rapid coronavirus test

Delivering a positive test result in as little as five minutes (and a negative result in 13 minutes), Scripps Health launched on April 9 the fastest available molecular point-of-care test for detecting the novel coronavirus at its five hospital campuses in San Diego County.

These include Scripps’ two La Jolla campuses: Scripps Green Hospital, 10666 North Torrey Pines Road and Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla, 9888 Genesee Ave.

The assay runs on Abbott’s ID NOW infectious disease testing platform, a 6.6-pound, small toaster-sized portable device that uses molecular technology to deliver reliable and accurate results. For COVID-19, the platform looks for the novel coronavirus RdRp gene in throat, nasal, nasopharyngeal and oropharyngeal swabs taken from patients who might be infected.