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Fernando Pullum Community Arts Center Earns a Four-Star Rating from Charity Navigator

South Los Angeles, CA – Fernando Pullum Community Arts Center ("Pullum Center") is proud to announce that its strong financial health and ongoing accountability and transparency has earned a Four-Star Rating from Charity Navigator. This rating designates Pullum Center as an official "Give with Confidence" charity, indicating that our organization is using its donations effectively based on Charity Navigator's criteria. Charity Navigator is America's largest and most-utilized independent charity evaluator. Since 2001, the organization has been an unbiased and trusted source of information for more than 11 million donors annually.

Charity Navigator analyzes nonprofit performance based on four key indicators, referred to as beacons. Currently, nonprofits can earn scores for the Impact & Results, Accountability & Finance, Culture & Community, and Leadership & Adaptability beacons.

"We are delighted to provide Pullum Center with third-party accreditation that validates their operational excellence," said Michael Thatcher, President and CEO of Charity Navigator. "The Four-Star Rating is the highest possible rating an organization can achieve. We are eager to see the good work that Pullum Center is able to accomplish in the years ahead."

"Our Four-Star Charity Navigator is further validation that our supporters can trust our commitment to good governance and financial health," said Fernando Pullum, Executive Director of Pullum Center. "We hope that it will introduce our work to new supporters who can help us advance our mission to provide quality performing arts instruction to youth in South Central Los Angeles.

Pullum Center's rating and other information about charitable giving are available free of charge on charitynavigator.org.

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About Fernando Pullum Community Arts Center:

The Fernando Pullum Community Arts Center is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide quality performing arts instruction to underserved youth and help them build self-esteem, develop civic responsibility, and achieve academic success. The program empowers young people to create a new vision of who they are and what they have become. The Pullum Center is a member of the <u>Berklee City Music Network</u>® (BCMN), a network of over 40 community organizations in the United States, Canada, and Latin America that collectively benefit over 46,000 students each year. BCMN enables youth from underserved communities to develop musically, academically, socially, and emotionally, primarily through the study of contemporary music. For more information, visit PullumCenter.org.

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