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## Soaring in Concert: A Fundraising Event for the Tahirih Justice Center

**Palo Alto, Calif.** — On Saturday, August 20, the Tahirih Justice Center will be hosting *Soaring in Concert,* a benefit concert supporting the organization's work. Organized and hosted by Aaron Bao, a rising high school sophomore at the Harker School in Palo Alto, California, the fundraiser will take place from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm PT at the Community School of Music and Arts Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Cir. Mountain View, CA 94040. The event will feature solo performances by award-winning artists. The last time this concert was held was in the fall of 2019 — right before the pandemic — raising around \$30,000 in support of Tahirih's mission.

"This is my first year hosting this event and I hope to sell out all 200 seats and meet or surpass our \$20,000 goal," said 15-year-old **Aaron Bao, the event's organizer**. "I admire all the work Tahirih does in support of immigrant survivors of gender-based violence."

"These types of community events are what keep our work and mission alive," said **Morgan Weibel, Tahirih's San Francisco Bay Area Executive Director**. "With community fundraisers like this benefit concert, Tahirih was able to provide legal and social services to over 380 clients in 2020. We are grateful for this year's event and hope we can continue to help those who need our services."

The concert will include performances by:

- Paul Ji, pianist, Grand Champion of France 2 TV's "Prodiges,"
- Lucas Chen, cellist, 1st Prize US Open Music Competition,
- Anthony Qin, saxophonist, 1st Prize American Protege International Concerto Competition

The event will be live streamed, donations can be made by visiting: <u>Tahirih Justice</u> <u>Center : Soaring In Concert | GiveGab</u>

For media inquiries prior to the event, please email Karla Flores at media@tahirih.org.

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The Tahirih Justice Center is a national, nonprofit organization that serves immigrant survivors of gender-based violence. By amplifying the experiences of survivors in communities, courts, and Congress, Tahirih's mission is to create a world in which all people share equal rights and live in safety and with dignity.