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Toyota Classics Concert presents 'Music That Moves Lives'

KUALA LUMPUR: The Toyota Classics Concert will celebrate its 25th anniversary on Nov 11 with the performance, "Music that Moves Lives", by the Covent Garden Soloists Orchestra from London at Dewan Filharmonik Petronas, here.

The annual concert, a UMW Toyota Motor corporate social responsibility programme and the longest-running musical fundraiser in the country, will this year raise money for the Lung Foundation of Malaysia, National Kidney Foundation of Malaysia and Pertubuhan Ke-

bajikan dan Perlindungan Nur Qaseh Malaysia.

The orchestra will play under the baton of world-famous conductor Miguel Angel Navarro.

Among the concert highlights are the original arrangements of movie themes by piano soloist, composer and arranger Pamela Nicholson.

Nicholson is well known for the envelop-pushing techno-acoustic fusion arrangements that she had created for her daughter, the famous violinist Vanessa-Mae.

Bulgarian violin prodigy Vasko Vas-

silev who at 23, became the youngest leader and first concertmaster of London's Royal Opera House, is also among the key performers.

UMW Toyota Motor president Datuk Ismet Suki said the company had spent over RM20 million on its corporate social responsibility programmes since 2001.

UMW Toyota Motor's corporate social responsibility centred around three pillars — environment, road safety and philanthropy, he said.

He said the Toyota Classics Concert had raised more than RM7 mil-

lion for charity over the years.

"Thousands of lives have been transformed through the concert. We hope Malaysians will continue their generous support of the concert," he said.

Tickets priced at RM220, RM170, RM120 and RM60 are available at the box office.

The Sultan of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah and former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali are expected to attend the concert. **By John Tiong**