

Youngest concert master to perform at Toyota Classics

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PETALING JAYA — The Toyota Classics fundraising concert this year will feature the Convent Garden Soloist Orchestra of London, conducted by Spain's Miguel Angel Navarro.

It will also feature virtuosos Vasko Vassilev, the youngest Concert Master of the Royal Opera House, and Pamela Nicholson, who invented the “techno-acoustic fusion” genre of instrumental music in the orchestra.

The theme is “Music That Moves Lives”, which is fitting as it helps the lives of those who will benefit from the event.

“I hope you can support us and spread the news of the charity concert so we are able to empower these charities in their journey to a better Malaysia,” UMW Toyota Motor president Datuk Ismet Suki said at a media briefing yesterday.

Since its first concert in 1990, Toyota Classics has raised and distributed RM7 million to 56 charities and it plans to raise and distribute an estimated RM365,000 to three charities this year.

The charities are the Lung Foundation of Malaysia (LFM), National Kidney Foundation of Malaysia (NKF), and Association of Children's Welfare and Protection Nur Qaseh Malaysia (Nur Qaseh).

NKF chief executive officer Chua Chong Hee said the foundation would use the contribution to improve its complimentary health screening programme.

“We are grateful that with this contribution, we can acquire a van and reach out to a larger community and improve lives,” he said.



(From left) Norshahida, Chua, LFM board member Datuk Dr Aziah Ahmad Mahayiddin, Ismet and Toyota external affairs marketing manager Puvaneswary Raja Raman at the announcement yesterday. — Picture by Azinuddin Ghazali

Nur Qaseh assistant founder Norshahidah Khalid said the contribution would assist her organisation in improving the lives of the children in its care by being able to provide transportation for them to and from school and their extra-cur-

ricular activities.

“As a non-governmental organisation that relies on public donations, we are enthused by this contribution from Toyota as every donation is crucial to us,” she said.

The concert will be held at the Dewan Fil-

harmonik Petronas on November 11. Tickets are priced at RM220, RM170, RM120 and RM60.

For more information, contact the DFP box office at 03-2051 7007 or visit the Toyota Malaysia website at www.toyota.com.my.