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## Press Release

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#### LOS ANGELES CHAMBER ORCHESTRA PIANO DONATION BRINGS MUSIC TO THE EARS OF WLA VETERANS

LOS ANGELES, CA., April., 11 – VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (GLA) accepted a piano donation from the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra (LACO) as part of their globally reaching “Play Me, I’m Yours” public art installation that has been staged in more than 22 cities worldwide.

The installation presents GLA with one of thirty pianos staged throughout Los Angeles in an effort to culminate the season-long celebration of music director/pianist Jeffrey Kahane’s 15th anniversary. “We’re very grateful to have the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra donate such a beautiful instrument to our local veterans,” said Donna Beiter, Director of GLA. “This is something I know our veterans will love and appreciate.”

The three-week art installation begins on April 12th at noon as all 30 pianos simultaneously perform Back’s *The Well-Tempered Clavier, Book I* Preludes by celebrated musicians such as Jeffrey Kahane, Mark Robson, Lucinda Carver, Rueibin Chen, Derek Bermel as well as promising local music students.

Its current venue in the quad between buildings 217 and 218 of the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center (WLA) will provide Veterans, as well as the general public, with the ability to play music at their leisure. After the three-week installation, the piano will be moved to the multi-purpose room in building 500 where veterans and their family members will have the opportunity to play and enjoy its creative beauty.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact GLA public affairs office at (310) 268-3340.

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**About the GLA:** GLA is the largest healthcare system within the Department of Veterans Affairs. GLA consists of three ambulatory care centers, a tertiary care facility, and 10 outpatient clinics. GLA serves Veterans residing throughout five counties: Los Angeles, Ventura, Kern, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo. There are 1.4 million Veterans in the GLA service area. Visit us on the web for more information [www.losangeles.va.gov](http://www.losangeles.va.gov).