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**ACCLAIMED JAZZ PIANIST AND COMPOSER LISA HILTON
BRINGS MUSIC TO BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILDREN**

Junior Blind students enjoy a private concert by Lisa Hilton

Los Angeles, CA (April 2011)—On Thursday, April 28, 2011, Junior Blind, a nonprofit dedicated to helping children who are blind, visually impaired or multi-disabled achieve independence, hosted a private concert by critically-acclaimed jazz pianist and composer Lisa Hilton at its Los Angeles campus. Nearly 100 students, family members and staff enjoyed a sampling of compositions from Hilton's latest album, *Underground*.

Dubbed the "Lioness of Jazz" by JazzReview, Lisa Hilton has been bringing music to the children, youth and adults of Junior Blind for many years, including special performances at Junior Blind's Camp Bloomfield in Malibu, CA. She has joined the ranks of other musical guests over the years at Junior Blind, including Junior Blind Board Member, Stevie Wonder, Ray Charles and Michael Jackson and the Jackson 5.

"Lisa Hilton has inspired our students time and time again with her amazing performances," said Laura Hardy, Senior Vice President of Junior Blind. "Children of all ages were tapping their feet and nodding their heads in rhythm with Lisa's playful melodies."

The private concert was only the second test audience of Hilton's new album, *Underground*, her thirteenth stateside recording to date. The set included six out of the nine tracks on the album and if Junior Blind's students' reactions were any indication, Hilton's album is destined to be a big hit. One student exclaimed, "Lisa Hilton gave me chills."

Lisa Hilton will be performing at the Catalina Bar & Grill Jazz Club in Hollywood on Wednesday, May 25, 2011.

ABOUT JUNIOR BLIND OF AMERICA

Since 1953, Junior Blind of America has remained deeply committed to helping people of all ages who are blind, visually impaired or multi-disabled achieve independence. Each year, Junior Blind of America provides services to thousands of individuals and their families through programs that offer innovative and individualized methods of education, recreation, training and rehabilitation. These life-changing programs are designed to empower infants, children, teens and adults to reach their highest level of potential, independence and self-esteem. To learn more, please visit www.juniorblind.org.

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