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**YOUNG PERFORMERS SOUGHT FOR TONY LA RUSSA'S  
ANIMAL RESCUE FOUNDATION BENEFITS**

*Opportunity to Perform at ARF's Prodigies for Pets and Stars to the Rescue*

Calling young performers! Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) is searching for talented young people to perform live at Prodigies for Pets and Stars to the Rescue, January 8 & 9 at the Leshner Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek. Submit an audition for a chance to appear with the Doobie Brothers' Marc Russo, a two-time Grammy award-winning saxophonist. Marc's performance history includes The Yellowjackets, Tower of Power, Huey Lewis & the News, Kenny Loggins, and Steve Winwood, among others.

Bay Area residents between the ages of ten and eighteen are invited to audition via taped performance. Auditions can be posted on-line at a viewable website such as YouTube and e-mail the link to p4p@arf.net, or mail a DVD or VHS tape to ARF's Prodigies for Pets Talent Search, 2890 Mitchell Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94598. Performances may include singing, dancing, instrumental, or stand-up comedy—but all auditions must be received at ARF no later than December 1, 2009 at 5 p.m.

Entries will be judged equally based on stage presence, quality of performance, and audience appeal. Ten semi-finalists will be selected for a live audition on Wednesday, December 9, 2009. One or more individuals will be chosen from this group to perform at Prodigies for Pets on January 8, 2010 and Stars to the Rescue on January 9, 2010 at the Leshner Center for the Arts.

All entrants under eighteen years of age must include parental consent. For contest rules, and entry details, and to download an entry form/parental consent, please visit [www.arf.net/about/events/talentsearch.php](http://www.arf.net/about/events/talentsearch.php).

Prodigies for Pets and Stars to the Rescue are benefits to support ARF's programs, which promote positive relationships between animals and people. ARF gives another chance at life to animals who are otherwise at risk of being killed, providing the care and attention they need, including spay or neuter surgery, until a new home of their own can be found..

ARF's People Connect programs strengthen the human animal bond for the elderly, residents of assisted living centers, high school students, grade school students, and young children through programs that are national models of excellence. ARF programs allow people to experience the unconditional love and acceptance of dogs and cats. People rescuing animals...animals rescuing people...®.

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