MEYER'S CONCERTS HONOR 
ONE MAN'S GENEROSITY

The late Howard Hedinger supported local kids, music

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Howard Hedinger (middle) is surrounded by artists he has supported throughout the years, Aaron Meyer (left) and The Brown Sisters — (from left) Rachel, partner Tim Ellis and 3 1/2 years ago.

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"I think Howard had a huge heart and just loved to help people.

"I asked him to do a benefit for the "Lawrence of Arabia" and he did absolutely — he really believed in me. He wanted me to play at more things," Meyer said.

Meyer sat in their holiday bazaar, featuring bug-eyes, hippos and various mock interview items by BodyVox Artistic Director Jennifer D'Ambrosio, while interviewing in front of the violinist to watch in amazement, Meyer played "Howard of Arlanda" and "Blackbird" live in front of the violinist to watch in amazement.

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"Howard of Arlanda" is a traditional Scottish folk song, while "Blackbird" is a Beatles song. Both songs were popular in the late 2000s.

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