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Hollywood Master Chorale Presents

World Beat

*Choral music showcasing international folk and popular songs
with percussion infusion*

Hollywood, February 15, 2008: The Hollywood Master Chorale (HMC) presents its spring concert series, **World Beat**, on **Sunday, March 30, 7:00 PM**, at **Wilshire United Methodist Church, 4350 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California**. Another performance will be presented by the HMC Women's Ensemble as part of the West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference on Friday, March 21, 7:00 PM, at the Silver Screen Theatre in the Pacific Design Center. The final performance of **World Beat** will be held in partnership with the Russian West Hollywood Chorus on Sunday, April 13, 5:00 PM in West Hollywood as part of the community's Russian Festival.

For the HMC **World Beat** concert series, each piece of music was chosen for its message of the innate worth of the individual, its understanding of the need for people to feel included and its celebration of all types of relationships. From *Ah, El Novio* to "I Am Being Woven" to *A Felicidade*, the concert selections bring different cultures, communities, families and couples together in joyful union. The HMC will sing many of the pieces in their original languages, including *Son de Camaguey*, a Cuban folk song; *Quien será*, a popular Spanish song; and "It Takes a Village," adapted from a West African saying. The HMC will also present familiar favorites such as "Black is the Color of My True Love's Hair," an American folk song, and "Danny Boy," a traditional Irish ballad.

One highlight of the concert will be "Trilogy," composed by James Hartway, an ASCAP award-winning artist and based on the last poem by a young writer, Ron Cooney, who died at the age of twenty-two. The poetry describes the three stages of a person's life and the joy and blessings that can be found by understanding your own self-worth and by appreciating the differences of those who come into your life. Another highlight will be "Mairi's Wedding," performed with the Clan MacLeod Scottish dancers and percussion.

Indeed, many of the **World Beat** concert songs contain international percussion flavors, from Bossa Novas to African rhythms to calypsos. The Hollywood Master Chorale Percussion Ensemble, comprised entirely of women, will perform at all three concerts.

Tickets for the March 30, 2008, concert may be purchased online at www.hollywoodmasterchorale.org or by calling 323-960-4349. Prices are \$18 for adults in advance and \$22 at the door; \$15 for seniors/students/disabled; and \$8 for children.

For the March 21, 2008, performance in conjunction with the West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference, please RSVP to 323-848-6460 or e-mail LFooks@weho.org. A dessert reception will be held after the free concert.

Please call the Hollywood Master Chorale at 323-960-4349 for further information on its performance with the West Hollywood Russian Festival on April 13, 2008.

The Hollywood Master Chorale was founded in 1995 as a non-profit vocal organization comprised of men and women who share a passion for the art of choral music and a dedication to service in their community. The volunteer 60-plus member Chorale is well-known for its diverse repertoire including Baroque, Classical and contemporary music. Recent performances include the LA Composers Concert, featuring works by twenty composers in the Los Angeles region, and Morten Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna* and Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* with guest orchestra. For more information please visit www.hollywoodmasterchorale.org or contact Madeleine Rackley, President, at 323-960-4349.

EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:

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Performance

Organization: Hollywood Master Chorale

Title: World Beat

Date: Sunday, March 30, 2008

Time: 7:00 PM (Pre-concert lecture, 6:15 PM)

Venue: Wilshire United Methodist Church

4350 Wilshire Boulevard

Los Angeles, California 90010

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