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## NEWS RELEASE

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## **BAY AREA VOICES IN HARMONY TO REPRESENT UNITED STATES IN RUSSIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL**

### **Bay Area Recording Artist to Perform in Russia**

**SAN JOSE, Calif.** -- (August 11, 2009) -- Voices in Harmony, Northern California's Premier Men's A Cappella Chorus – under the musical direction of Dr. Greg Lyne, is making final preparations to represent the United States at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Russian Music Festival to be held August 18<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009, in St Petersburg, Russia.

Voices in Harmony will be joined by two other award-winning groups from the United States - Pride of the Pacific ([www.pridepacificchorus.org](http://www.pridepacificchorus.org)), a female chorus also directed by Dr. Lyne, and Old School, a barbershop quartet from the east coast. Old School ([www.oldschoolqt.com](http://www.oldschoolqt.com)) recently earned the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place International Quartet Silver Medal at the Barbershop Harmony Society International Competition ([www.barbershop.org](http://www.barbershop.org)) in July. There will also be eleven Russian ensembles from all parts of the country participating.

“It is an absolute thrill to have two choruses that I direct representing the United States in this tenth annual music festival. The trip to Russia and the festival will be a life changing experience for our singers and another opportunity to share our love of music with others around the world,” said Dr. Lyne, musical director of Voices in Harmony, and also chief conductor and artistic director of the festival.

During the festival, the groups teach master classes on singing and performance, as well as perform multiple sold-out concerts at world-class concert halls in St Petersburg including the Imperial Court Cappella Concert Hall, the Shostakovich Philharmonic Hall (Grand Hall) and Pavlovsk Palace, at the Rose Pavilion. While there is a distinct language barrier, the Russian audiences enjoy music, the very engaged singers and the musical appeal of a cappella singing.

Upon their return, Voices in Harmony will perform several public concerts throughout Northern California in October and round out another historic year with their annual holiday concert in December. Concert and ticket information is available online at [www.vihchorus.org](http://www.vihchorus.org) or by calling 877-684-3844.

### **About Voices in Harmony**

Founded in 2006 and based in San Jose, California, Voices in Harmony is an award-winning, all volunteer, 90+ voice male chorus and is known for its tight a cappella harmonies and commitment to musical excellence. Under the master direction of Dr. Greg Lyne, Voices in Harmony has rapidly become one of the finest a cappella choruses in the world and after only two years after their formation, earned a 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Bronze Medal at the 2008 International Choral Competition of the Barbershop Harmony Society held in Nashville last summer.

A 501 (c)(3) organization, the chorus is self-sustaining through gifts, performance fees, admissions to shows, and sales of recordings and merchandise.

Voices in Harmony's first recording, *Now & Then - Popular American Music from Six Decades of Classics*, was released in the fall of 2008. The recording was nominated for the Best Barbershop Album category of The Contemporary A Cappella Society's 2009 Contemporary A Cappella Recording Awards (The CARA's). Additional information about how to become a member or sponsor Voices in Harmony is available at [www.vihchorus.org](http://www.vihchorus.org).