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Musae presents 2007-2008 Season

SAN FRANCISCO—September 10, 2007—Since its founding in 2004, Musae has offered a new experience of women's voices by combining musical artistry with an innovative and generous approach to performance. Musae is proud to announce its fourth season, with compelling performances set for Bay Area audiences in San Francisco, San Mateo, Berkeley, and Tiburon. The season kicks off with the exciting November release of Musae's second album, "Alegria y Placer: A Musae Christmas." December's concert series, *Alegria y Placer: The Rhythm of the Holidays*, will feature album highlight "Carols and Lullabies: Christmas in the Southwest," Conrad Susa's dazzling work for chorus and guitar, marimba, vibraphone, and harp. In the spring, Musae will host its second annual open rehearsal and cocktail hour, inviting veteran audience members and new friends behind the scenes to one of its collaborative and demanding rehearsals. The spring's season finale series, *Grace: Songs of Hope and Wonder*, concludes Musae's fourth year with Anglo-American and African-American spirituals, Scottish and Irish folksongs, and heartfelt performances of favorites that will make you want to sing along.

For more information, please visit www.musae.org, or contact events@musae.org.

CD Release Event: "Alegria y Placer: A Musae Christmas"

Friday, November 9 2007 6:30pm
Café Royale
800 Post Street, San Francisco
FREE

Musae presents *Alegria y Placer: The Rhythm of the Holidays*

Musae's 2007 holiday concert features uplifting and heart-warming carols, lullabies, and other tunes with roots in Spain, Latin America, and Africa. Highlights will include Renaissance composer Tomas Luis de Victoria's *Duo Seraphim*, local composer Conrad Susa's acclaimed *Carols and Lullabies from the Southwest* (accompanied by harp, marimba, vibraphone, and guitar), and a handful of surprising and delightful arrangements of beloved holiday favorites.

Saturday, December 15, 2007 8pm
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley

Sunday, December 16, 2007 4pm
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
1755 Clay Street, San Francisco

Encore Performance
Wednesday, December 19, 2007 8pm
Old St. Hilary's Church
201 Esperanza Street, Tiburon

Open Rehearsal and Cocktail Hour
Wednesday, April 2, 2008 7:30pm
San Francisco

Musae presents *Grace: Songs of Hope and Wonder*

This spring, Musae explores Anglo-American and African-American folk traditions. This concert will feature shape note and Shaker hymns, beloved African-American spirituals (including *Wade in the Water*, *Heaven Somewhere*, and *Down in the Valley*), and moving folksongs from Scotland and Ireland.

Saturday, May 17, 2008 8pm
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley

Sunday, May 18, 2007 4pm
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
1755 Clay Street, San Francisco

Encore Performance
Wednesday, May 21, 2008 8pm
Old St. Hilary's Church
201 Esperanza Street, Tiburon

ABOUT MUSAE

Musae is a women's vocal ensemble based in San Francisco. The group takes its name from the original "ladies of song," the classic nine muses of Greek mythology. Since its founding in 2004, Musae has performed diverse and accessible music throughout the Bay Area, and continues to stretch the boundaries of traditional repertoire for women's voices.

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