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**Musae Presents 2009-2010 Season**

SAN FRANCISCO—October 12, 2009—Musae, the groundbreaking women's vocal ensemble, celebrates the addition of four new members as it launches its **sixth season**. In November, 2009, Musae will release its **latest album, *Five***, a collaboration with local bossa nova band Bossa Five-O. The album features the **bossa nova classics** of Baden Powell, Brazilian favorites "Más Que Nada" and "Tico Tico," **North American folk music**, "Danny Boy," and **Musae's 5th Anniversary Season Composition Competition winner** "When I Have Fears That I May Cease to Be" by Graham Meyer.

In December, Musae presents its sixth annual holiday concert, ***There is Sweet Music Here***, sharing the joyous spirit of the season with audiences in three venues around the Bay Area. The program includes the seventeenth century Canadian hymn "Huron Carol," the Tamil song "Ödi Ödi," and selections from **local composer Kirke Mechem's** "Seven Joys of Christmas: A Sequence of Carols," for women's ensemble and harp. (December 11, 2009 at Old St Hilary's Landmark, Tiburon; December 19, 2009 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Berkeley; December 20, 2009 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, San Francisco)

On April 14, 2010, Musae invites its audiences to meet **San Francisco-based composer and pianist Dwight Okamura**. Mr. Okamura will guide the audience behind the scenes of his **new piece**, "Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night," for Musae and viola accompaniment. The evening includes a question and answer session, as well as a **preview** of Musae's spring concert program. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served at this **free event**.

The 2009-2010 season concludes in June with ***Mermaids, Meditations, and Miracles***, where Musae will present the **world premiere** of Dwight Okamura's setting of the Dylan Thomas poem "Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night." The program also showcases Peter Schickele's "Three Meditations," Lili Boulanger's "Les Sirènes," and Rodgers and Hart's 1940s show tune "Bewitched, Bothered, and Bewildered." (June 5, 2010 in Berkeley and June 6, 2010 in San Francisco)

### **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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