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The Willard InterContinental Celebrates a Decade of its Annual Free Lobby Holiday Choral Program

Washington D.C., October 5, 2011 -- The Willard InterContinental is celebrating ten years of its annual free live music program, "Holiday Lobbying". The choral celebration has evolved into one of Washington's most comprehensive, with its wide array of highly accomplished choirs and vocal ensembles from around the DC Metropolitan area. Nearly two dozen free performances in all will take place nightly from December 1 through 23 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. to 7:30p.m. Beverage service featuring hot and cold seasonal favorites will be available as the perfect accompaniment to the sounds of music in the elegant grandeur of the Willard hotel lobby. The Willard InterContinental is located at 1401 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

December 1 - The Washington Chorus
Grammy Award winning ensemble currently in its 50th season.

December 2 - Voce Chamber Singers
Offering diverse programming from early chant to newly commissioned works.

December 3 - Encore Singers
Choral, singers of sacred and secular music

December 4 - Alexandria Singers
American popular music - pop, rock, show tunes, blues, and jazz

December 5 - The Suspicious Cheese Lords
All-male a cappella ensemble specializing in choral music of the Middle Ages and Renaissance.

December 6 - Potomac Harmony Chorus
Award-winning barbershop style ensemble.

December 7 – Illuminare
Chamber choir devoted to the diverse musical styles of the Middle Ages through the Baroque.

December 8 - Washington Women's Chorus

DC's chorus for women's voices, performing music from two millenia in the Nation's Capital since 1996.

December 9 – Cantante Chamber Singers

A Chamber Chorus devoted to artistically exciting choral music

December 10 - Arlington Children's Chorus

Chorus of young artists which has performed with the National Symphony Orchestra.

December 11 - Vienna-Falls Chorus

A women's chorus singing in a cappella barbershop style.

December 12 - Annandale Singers

Costumed high school madrigal vocal ensemble

December 13 - Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School

Georgetown Visitation Preparatory school's chorus performs traditional choral pieces.

December 14 - The Thomas Circle Singers

Chamber Choral Ensemble offering Washington residents choral classics and new works by living composers

December 15 - Capital Accord

A women's four-part a cappella chorus from Silver Spring, Maryland.

December 16 - City Choir of Washington

An outreach ensemble of the City Choir of Washington.

December 17 - Mclean Symphony Festival Singers

Performing fun and festive holiday music

December 18 - 18th Street Singers

Ensemble of young people named after the DC, street where most of the members live.

December 19 - Vox Pulchra

Performing early music

December 20 - Children's Chorus of Washington

Children's choral ensemble its 15th anniversary season.

December 21 – Philomela

Women's vocal ensemble performing eclectic musical styles incorporating story telling

December 22 - Capital Hearings

A Cappella group performing styles from classical choral works to vocal jazz and contemporary.

December 23 - Sound Advice Quartet
A female Barbershop Quartet of the Vienna Falls Chorus

The Willard InterContinental is located in the heart of the nation's capital on Pennsylvania Avenue near the White House, the Smithsonian museums and the downtown business and theatre districts. The Willard epitomizes world-class hospitality as the hotel of choice for heads of state and leaders of the world's business, cultural, social and political elite. The hotel's 335 well appointed guestrooms include 41 elegant suites. Dining options include Café du Parc, the popular French bistro with seasonal outdoor seating, the Occidental Grill & Seafood, traditional Afternoon Tea in Peacock Alley and the classic Round Robin Bar. The luxurious Red Door Spa offers a wide array of pampering treatments.

*An American institution, the Willard has hosted nearly every U.S. president since 1853. It was at the Willard that Julia Ward Howe wrote *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*, where President Ulysses S. Grant popularized the term "Lobbyist," and where Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King finished his renowned "I Have a Dream" speech. The Willard is also noted for its 100% wind power, recycling and charitable initiatives including Anacostia River clean-up, the hotel's "Adoption" of a Pershing Park, and support of a school prom for disabled youth. The classic Willard InterContinental combines heritage and luxury with contemporary comfort and the latest technology. Tel. 202-628-9100, 1-800-827-1747, or Web site: www.washington.intercontinental.com. Twitter: www.twitter.com/willardhotel ; Facebook: www.Facebook.com/willardhotel*