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Essence of Joy Alumni Singers Receive Federal Tax Exempt Status

MIDDLETOWN, Pa. (August 19, 2010) / The Essence of Joy Alumni Singers (EOJAS) is pleased to announce the receipt of federal tax-exempt status. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) conferred this new status after approving an application submitted by the EOJAS Board in May 2010. This new status recognizes the choir as a non-profit corporation whose primary mission is educational.

“This is a big step in the growth of the choir and will help our organization to grow financially,” said EOJAS President Joshua Edwards. “Our singers and Board are unpaid volunteers, so public support is essential to our future.”

In its determination letter, dated August 6, 2010, the IRS provided a retroactive effective date of March 1, 2010. All appropriate donations, contributions, bequests, transfers, devices, or gifts made to EOJAS on or after March 2, 2010 under sections 170, 2055, 2106, or 2522 of the Internal Revenue Code are fully deductible against federal income tax for individuals resident and corporations registered in the U.S.

Individuals wishing to donate to the choir may visit www.eojas.org/support.htm for details on Web, cash, or check donations.

For more information, please visit www.eojas.org. The choir would be happy to accommodate any requests for interviews

About The Essence of Joy Alumni Singers:

Founded in 2005 and comprised of alumni from Pennsylvania State University's Essence of Joy Choir, the Essence of Joy Alumni Singers perform sacred and secular music from the African and African-American tradition in an effort to entertain, inspire, affirm and unify the worldwide community. Under the artistic direction of Dr. Anthony T. Leach, the group has performed extensively in the United States, Europe, and the Caribbean. The choir is a non-profit corporation registered in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and a tax exempt organization as defined in section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Tax Code.

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Accounting Period Ending:
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Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
March 22, 2010
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

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ESSENCE OF JOY ALUMNI SINGERS

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Choi". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "R" and a cursive "C".

Robert Choi
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Enclosure: Publication 4221-PC

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