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Essence of Joy Alumni Singers Release First CD – “Joy”

MIDDLETOWN, Pa. (July 11, 2011) / The Essence of Joy Alumni Singers (EOJAS) is pleased to announce the release of the choir’s first CD – Joy. The disc is a collection of live performances from the period of 2007 to 2010 and includes many of the choir’s favorite selections from the African and African-American choral tradition.

“We are thrilled to share this disc with our friends, families, and fans,” said EOJAS President Brandon Miller. “Many members of our Board worked for months to put this project together and we are excited to share the final product.”

The choir will release the CD at their performance at the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts on Friday July 15, 2011, at 7:00PM at State College Presbyterian Church in State College, PA. In addition to physical CDs (\$20), the choir will also offer digital download cards (\$15). The latter includes a unique code that allows individuals to download the album in its entirety from a secure internet site. To purchase the album or listen to audio clips, please visit www.eojas.org/audio.

For additional 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. The choir's first CD – ‘Joy’ – released in July, 2011.