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Essence of Joy Alumni Singers to Perform at Messiah College and Dover UCC

MIDDLETOWN, Pa. (August 24, 2010) / The Essence of Joy Alumni Singers (EOJAS) is pleased to announce upcoming performances in Grantham and Dover, PA. The choir will present a joint concert with the Messiah College Concert Choir the evening of Saturday Sept. 25, 2010 at 7pm at the Hostetter Chapel on the Messiah College campus in Grantham, PA. Tickets (\$5 each) are available at the door or in advance through the Messiah Ticket Office at (717) 691-6036 or online at www.messiah.edu/tickets.

EOJAS will also present a workshop on music of the African-American Tradition with Dr. Anthony T. Leach as main presenter from 9:30AM to noon on Sat. Sept. 25th, also at the Hostetter Chapel. "We always appreciate the opportunity to share our musical experiences with other choirs," said Joshua Edwards, EOJAS President. "These workshops provide us with a unique opportunity to influence the professional development of music educators." This event is co-sponsored with Pennsylvania chapter of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA). ACT 48 credit is available for qualified educators. Please register by contacting Kelly Athey at KAthey@messiah.edu.

On Sunday, Sept. 26, the choir will provide a musical offering at Dover United Church of Christ (45 West Canal St. Dover, PA 17315) as part of the congregation's annual Rally Day. This event is free and open to the public and will begin at 9AM.

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.