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Multinational Men's Chorus Presents Festival Concert at Glenn Memorial Auditorium at Emory University

(Portland, Ore.) – A multinational men's chorus, anchored by the Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus (OAMC) and the Corul Barbatesc Adventist din Romania (Adventist Men's Chorus of Romania), with ensembles from the U.S. and individual singers from around the world, will hold a once-in-a-lifetime International Men's Chorus Festival on Saturday, June 26, at 3 p.m., at Glenn Memorial Auditorium on the campus of Emory University, 1660 N. Decatur Rd NE, Atlanta, Ga.

Admission to the festival concert is free and a freewill offering will be collected to help defray expenses.

The concert represents the final performance of the combined choruses from the U.S. and Romania, which performed in a Northwest concert tour before traveling to Atlanta to sing for the Seventh-day Adventist world church quinquennial meetings at the Georgia Dome.

The June 26 concert is a program that includes Franck's Psalm 150, spirituals, and other works for male chorus and orchestra.

The 2010 concert tour is a reunion of the American and Romanian choruses.

It was just over a year ago in April 2009 that some 100 singers from the OAMC traveled to Romania for two weeks where they joined with the Romanian chorus to perform in some of Romania's most renowned concert halls, accompanied by some of the country's best symphony orchestra musicians.

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Each of the Romanian performance venues – whether concert hall, opera house or house of worship – was filled to capacity for every performance. On the final day in Bucharest, an additional concert was scheduled to accommodate the demand for seating.

The joining of the two choruses in Romania was the result of a series of providential events. In the late nineties, Vancouver pastor John Wesslen traveled to Romania to speak in a series of evangelistic meetings. There, a young Romanian, who planned to attend the seminary to study to become a pastor, learned that it was possible to study both theology and music in America, something that was not available to him in Romania.

The young man, Alin Apostol, came to study at then Walla Walla College in Eastern Washington. On the soccer field he was invited to travel to Portland to rehearse with a men's choir. During his four years singing with OAMC, he secretly nurtured a dream for a similar men's chorus in Romania, a country with a rich choral tradition. His dream came to fruition in 2007 when he took up the cause and started Adventist Men's Chorus of Romania.

In addition, when the OAMC traveled in 2000 to the Seventh-day Adventist world church meetings in Toronto, Canada, more than once people from Romania at the meetings urged OAMC members to "come to Romania" to share the music. Those incidents culminated in some 100 American singers, family members and musicians embarking on the April 2009 tour.

For more information about the Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus, the International Men's Chorus Festival and the 2009 Romania tour, visit the OAMC website at www.OAMC.org or call (503) 789-0306.

Now in its 16th year of ministry, OAMC is a group of Christian men who join in worship, praise and public sharing of their faith through music. Formed in 1994, the Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus, under the direction of Lou Wildman, performs anthems, selections from the master composers, traditional hymns and spirituals. Every year, between 100 and 200 men sing in the annual festival chorus.

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