

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: JEFF SWEARINGEN

Co-Executive Producer / AcappellaFest

PR Director / Vocal Chaos

815-301-3032

jeff@vocalchaos.com

ACCLAIMED BAND VOCAL CHAOS PRODUCES AND PERFORMS AT ACAPPELLAFEST

Featuring Grammy-nominated group The Bobs and International touring act Blue Jupiter plus local bands Vocal Chaos, Chicago Voice Exchange and Voices In Your Head

CHICAGO, IL. (August 13, 2009) – Now in it's 3rd year, **ACAPPELLAFEST** seeks to bring unparalleled artistic prowess and education to audiences across the Midwest.

ACAPPELLAFEST CHICAGO will take place at the ever-popular **Schaumburg Prairie Center for the Arts** in Schaumburg, IL on Saturday, October 24, 2009. Vocal music thrill seekers will find something for everyone: from classes on beatboxing to songwriting and performances from legendary vocal groups like The Bobs and Blue Jupiter. Favorite regional entertainers will round out the day-long festival. Tickets are \$15 for the Day Events, \$20 for the Evening Performance by The Bobs and \$30 for the Fest Pass, which allows patrons access to all festivities, including special Q&A sessions with the artists.

"With **ACAPPELLAFEST**, we want to make musical entertainment and education accessible to everyone. Singing without instruments showcases the natural human voice and allows people to experiment with different styles." says Jeff Swearingen, Co-Executive Producer of **ACAPPELLAFEST** and PR Director for **VOCAL CHAOS**. "This year we decided to offer a little more for our audience in the Windy City, so they can come learn something new or simply enjoy quality vocal music."

VOCAL CHAOS, made up of local Chicago and suburban residents, is one of the city's most exciting and unique a cappella groups. Still going strong after 13 years, they strive to collaborate with other like-minded bands and organizations to perform and promote the art form of a cappella. You can see some of them in the Jennifer Aniston/Vince Vaughn movie, "The Break Up." They have been featured on **WGN Radio's "Sunday Morning Papers"** program, with host **Rick Kogan** calling them "great." **ACAPPELLAFEST** and **VOCAL CHAOS** have been featured on **WBEZ Chicago Public Radio's "Eight-Forty-Eight"** radio program and in the **Pioneer Press**, a family of Chicago suburban newspapers.

Greg Vaden, Co-Executive Producer of **ACAPPELLAFEST** and member of **elmoTHUMM**, adds, "Jeff and I put **ACAPPELLAFEST** together for a cappella fans in the Midwest. We know that despite the world around us, everyone wants to be entertained. We feel that **ACAPPELLAFEST** provides that positive experience and hope that everyone continues to enjoy the show."

elmoTHUMM, based in the Detroit area, has been performing rock-style a cappella for over 10 years. In 2006 they took the Chicago Regional Harmony Sweepstakes by storm, winning both 1st place honors and "Best Original Arrangement" award. In 2009 they were a headliner at the SingStrong A Cappella Festival. They have performed along side a cappella legends The Nylons and performed for the President of the United States. Their theater production is hailed as a "must see" by the **Detroit News**.

ACAPPELLAFEST can also be seen in Detroit at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill on October 17, 2009. A single-evening show will feature vocal groups from around the Great Lakes region.

ACAPPELLAFEST intends to ignite the palate of music lovers everywhere, providing a great way for fans to see favorite a cappella groups all in one place and breathe new life into their appreciation for great music and engaging entertainment. The event is co-produced by **elmoTHUMM** and **VOCAL CHAOS**.

For more information contact: Jeff Swearingen, Co-Executive Producer / AcappellaFest, PR Director / Vocal Chaos
815-301-3032, jeff@vocalchaos.com, www.acappellafest.com

###