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ACCLAIMED BAND ELMOTHUMM PRODUCES AND PERFORMS AT ACAPPELLAFEST DETROIT

Featuring Two Weeks Notice, 4 THE RECORD, University of Michigan Dicks & Janes, elmoTHUMM and Scott Leonard of Rockapella

DETROIT, MI. (August 15, 2009) – Now in it's 3rd year, **ACAPPELLAFEST** seeks to bring unparalleled artistic prowess and education to audiences across the Midwest.

ACAPPELLAFEST DETROIT will take place at the **Village Theater at Cherry Hill** in Canton, MI on Saturday, October 17, 2009. The exciting evening show will feature vocal groups from around the Great Lakes region. Also appearing will be legendary singer/writer/arranger Scott Leonard of Rockapella, arguably the most famous contemporary a cappella group in the country. Tickets are \$15 and a group rate for 15 or more will be \$10 each.

Greg Vaden, Co-Executive Producer of **ACAPPELLAFEST** and member of **elmoTHUMM**, says, "I partnered with Jeff Swearingen of **VOCAL CHAOS** and we put **ACAPPELLAFEST** together three years ago for a cappella fans in the Midwest. The Detroit show is an expansion of the concept, which we hope to see grow for years to come. 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**.

"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." adds 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, and add the show in Detroit, so people 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.

ACAPPELLAFEST can also be seen in Chicago at the Schaumburg Prairie Center for the Arts on October 24, 2009. An all-day vocal music festival will feature workshops on beatboxing and song arranging, artist Q&A and performances by International touring acts The Bobs and Blue Jupiter.

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**.

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