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Community School of Music and Arts Presents World Harmony Chorus, June 12 with special guests The Aswat Ensemble

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA – The Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) in Mountain View presents the World Harmony Chorus, with special guests The Aswat Ensemble, on Monday, June 12 at 7:30pm. The concert will be held in Tateuchi Hall at the Community School of Music and Arts, located at 230 San Antonio Circle in Mountain View. This event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited, so please arrive early. Doors open at 7pm.

The World Harmony Chorus celebrates diverse cultures with a repertoire of traditional songs from around the world. The group will be joined on stage by The Aswat Ensemble, the Bay Area's premier Arab music ensemble. During the evening's program, the groups will perform together and separately. The Aswat Ensemble will perform music from several Arabic-speaking nations, and the World Harmony Chorus will sing songs from regions including Africa, Argentina, Brazil, Brittany, Bulgaria and Iran.

The World Harmony Chorus is a welcoming group composed of singers of all ages and experience levels – from beginners to seasoned choral singers. This unique group performs enjoyable and interesting music from a variety of ethnicities, nationalities and folk traditions from around the globe. Daniel Steingberg, founder and director of the World Harmony Chorus, believes that "anyone can participate in music, regardless of age, experience, or natural ability." He sees music-making "as an essential element of community-building" and asserts that "an awareness of the traditional music of other cultures helps to bring about a better understanding of the world and, ultimately, promotes world peace."

The Aswat Ensemble is a multi-ethnic and multiracial music ensemble that reaches out to the diverse Bay Area community with folkloric, classical and contemporary Arabic music. The ensemble plays traditional musical instruments such as the qanun (trapezoidal zither), 'oud (lute), nay (reed flute), Kaman (violin), riqq/daff (tambourine), tar and darbukkah/tablah (goblet drum).

"We are excited that our World Harmony Chorus will share the stage with vocalists and musicians from the Aswat Ensemble," said Vickie Scott Grove, Executive Director of CSMA. "This concert will celebrate our diverse Bay Area community and the wonderful heritage of Arabic music. Please join us to share the joy of music with both of these delightful groups!"

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This event is part of CSMA's 2016-2017 Community Concert Series. In keeping with CSMA's mission to provide *Arts for All*, all Community Concerts are free and open to the public. The Community Concert Series is supported by generous grants from the Applied Materials Foundation and the Los Altos Community Foundation. The official media sponsor for the series is Classical KDFC radio.

The World Harmony Chorus is audition-free and open to singers of all backgrounds, levels, and abilities. Singers who are interested in joining the World Harmony Chorus can learn more at www.arts4all.org.

For a full Community Concert Series schedule, visit www.arts4all.org. For artist interviews and hi-res images, please contact Sharon Kenney, Director of Marketing & Communications, at 650-917-6800, ext 305 or skkenney@arts4all.org.

EVENT CALENDAR INFORMATION:

WHAT: World Harmony Chorus with special guests The Aswat Ensemble

WHERE: Tateuchi Hall; Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA)
Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View, CA

WHEN: Monday, June 12, 2016; 7:30pm
Doors open at 7:00pm. Please arrive early. Seating is limited.

COST: Free. Open to the public.

INFO: www.arts4all.org; 650-917-6800, ext 305

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Founded in 1968, the Community School of Music and Arts is Northern California's largest non-profit provider of arts education programs. With a \$5 million budget and 160-member staff and faculty, CSMA is one of the ten largest community schools in the United States. Located in the heart of Silicon Valley, one of the global capitals of creativity, CSMA is dedicated to making the arts and arts education accessible to all, regardless of age, experience, background or financial means. Headquartered in the award-winning Finn Center in the City of Mountain View, CSMA directly serves over 22,000 people of all ages, skill levels and economic means each year, including over 16,000 students at 40+ schools in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties.

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