



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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#### **The Power of Voice**

*Bay Chamber Concerts presents Cantus*

Bay Chamber Concerts will present one of America's finest professional male vocal ensembles, Cantus, on Sunday, March 8 at 2:30 p.m. at the Camden Opera House. Cantus is a 9 member all-male a cappella ensemble known for performing adventurous music including Gregorian chant, Renaissance works, art songs, world music, spirituals and pop.

Cantus' repertoire spans all periods and genres. In addition to performing traditional choral music, the ensemble has commissioned several new works, and much of Cantus' music is composed and arranged by its members. The concert is sponsored by Camden Harbour Inn / Natalie's.

The Washington Post called Cantus' sound "beaming and elastic" and referred to their music-making as "spontaneous grace." Stereophile Magazine declared: "the sheer beauty of the unaccompanied male voices and the art of these professional singers proved overwhelming."

Earlier this month at a sold out concert, Cantus performed Bobby McFerrin's arrangement of the Twenty-third Psalm, and then sang with McFerrin. Last winter the ensemble embarked on a 14 city tour of New England with the Boston Pops. Cantus' coast-to-coast tours have included performances throughout the United States and abroad.

In accordance with its founding mission statement, Cantus is an active proponent of music education, encouraging people of all ages – especially young men – to sing. In addition to the public concert, Bay Chamber Concerts has engaged the troupe to perform two student matinees, provided for free to local school districts. Over 1000 youth will attend the student matinees.

Most tickets to the concert are \$20. Prime seating is \$40. Youth ages 18 and under are \$8 (limited availability). Bay Chamber Concerts is a 501(c)(3) registered non-profit organization. The \$20 Ticket Underwriter is Brewster Point. The media sponsor is VillageSoup.com. For more information, or to

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**Date:** Sunday, March 8, 2009 at 2:30 p.m.

**Location:** Camden Opera House, 29 Elm Street, Camden, ME 04843

**Title:** Cantus

**Sponsors:** Camden Harbour Inn/ Natalie's. \$20 Ticket Underwriter: Brewster Point.

**Program:** Gregorian chant, Renaissance works, art songs, world music, spirituals and pop.

**Description:** One of America's finest professional male vocal ensembles, Cantus perform a cappella music which is met with praise for its blend of youthful vitality and polished nuance.

**Price:** Most tickets \$20. Prime seating \$40, discounted up to 50% with subscription. \$8 for Youth ages 18 and under, limited availability.

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