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New Haven, February 16, 2010 – January 2009 marked the 100th birthday of the Yale Whiffenpoofs (www.whiffenpoofs.com) – the world's oldest collegiate a cappella singing group. The founding of the Whiffenpoofs began what has evolved into an American popular music phenomenon of over 1,500 student a cappella groups nationwide today.

Now, in 2010, to celebrate their 2nd century of song and a 2nd century of collegiate a cappella singing in America, the Whiffs plan their first public concert in Las Vegas, Nevada in recent memory as part of their tour around the world on Sunday, March 7, 2010. The afternoon will feature a cappella arrangements of jazz standards, classic ballads, traditional Yale songs and recent popular hits.

This "once a century" event commences at 2:00 PM on Sunday, March 7, 2010 in Summerlin at the Adelson Theatre at the Dr. Miriam and Sheldon G. Adelson Educational Campus, 9700 W. Hillpointe Road, Las Vegas, NV 89134. Tickets: \$25 for premium; \$15 for general admission; \$10 for students and seniors (65+).

The evening before, the Whiffs perform as the featured entertainment at the Sixth Annual Reach for the Stars Gala to benefit The Alexander Dawson School in Moon Nightclub at Palms Resort Casino.

For more information contact Samuel Hafer at Samuel.hafer@yale.edu / 203.815.7705. To buy tickets online visit www.whiffenpoofs.com. Cash/check purchases are also accepted at the door.

About the Whiffenpoofs

Students at other college campus have "rushes" each year to get into fraternities and sororities. In New Haven there's a Yale Singing Group Rush to get into one of the university's 15 singing groups. Every year, 14 men entering their senior year are selected to be in the Yale Whiffenpoofs, the school's most exclusive a cappella group.

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The "Whiffs" began as a senior quintet that met to sing at Mory's Temple Bar, the renowned Yale tavern that dates back to 1849. Cole Porter, Yale Class of 1913, highlights the list of noteworthy Whiffs, as well as U.S. Senator Prescott Bush, father of former President George H.W. Bush.

The Whiffenpoof repertoire draws upon musical arrangements that span a century of Broadway show-tunes, Motown classics, jazz standards, traditional selections from Yale's songbook, and original compositions. The signature song, "The Whiffenpoof Song," has been recorded by such artists as Bing Crosby, Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald (made an honorary Whiffenpoof in 1979) and Elvis Presley.

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