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Norwalk Concert Hall, Saturday, April 30, 7:00 PM

Music from the United States, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Peru and Venezuela, in "Cultural Crossover" concert

NORWALK. Conn. On Saturday April 30th, 7:00 pm at Norwalk Concert Hall, the Intake music organization, will present its Annual Gala Concert "Cultural Crossover", where students of its Native Instrument Academy will join the Grand Community Choir for the first time; the concert will include joint performances by the West Rocks Middle School String Ensemble, the New World Chorus and Connecticut State Troubadour, Kristen Graves; who will perform music from the United States, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Peru, Venezuela, as well as universal classics; and the folkloric ballet, Hagua, from Guatemala.

"We are very proud to present our fourth Gala Concert, after coming from our international tour of Nicaragua in mid-March and working as a community liaison with the Sister City Partnership program of the City of Norwalk and Nagarote, NicaPhoto, with the support of the US embassy in Managua," said Angelica Durrell, executive director of the Intake music organization.

For this concert the Connecticut State troubadour, Kristen Graves, will perform the piece that led her to win this state distinction, "The Connecticut Song", which highlights the pride of belonging to this State. Also featuring other works by the famous Nicaraguan songwriter Carlos Mejia Godoy and Venezuela's, Hugo Blanco interpreted; The Intake Ensemble will render a special tribute to poet Ruben Dario for the hundredth anniversary of his death, and poet Ernesto Cardenal. The chamber orchestras will perform works by Rossini, Bach and Smetna.

"On this recent cultural exchange with INTAKE in Nicaragua, I learned about my role as an artist. We lived the experience of being censured by the lyrics of our songs and now we'll be singing all these freely in Norwalk. We not only want the whole world to sing, but to help and give the world a dignified life and reasons to sing," said Kristen Graves through her blog, inviting the Connecticut audiences to hear the song that led her to become a US Ambassador for the arts across the world.

The Cultural Crossover concert will count with the musical participation of members of Hispanic Senior Centers of Stamford and Norwalk. The program coordinator, Maria Antonieta Khan, said: "This has improved the quality of life of our members and has brought them together with their families. It will be the first time in which their children and grandchildren see their grandparents sing and see them become the stars of the night. After they've sacrificed their lives to raising their children in this country, it is fair to receive this incentive. "

Angelica Durrell, expressed much satisfaction in preparing this concert again, featuring the West Rocks String Ensemble, Stamford and Norwalk Senior Center members, the "New World Chorus," who are rehearsing to share the stage with internationally renowned artists. "Thanks to our partners in the arts and to our audiences for allowing us to open the doors of this concert hall to combine classical music with the traditional genres of other countries," said Durrell. This concert is made possible with support from Spread Music Now, Be Foundation, and the State of Connecticut's Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of the Arts.

To purchase tickets and attend the VIP reception, you may contact (203) 952-8718, (203) 667-3465, or visit: www.intakemusic.org.
