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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

## ***Phil Mattson Vocal Jazz Festival***

**Friday, April 9, 2010, 8:00 pm**

**Isaac Stern Auditorium / Perelman Stage – Carnegie Hall**

*An Energetic Evening of Jazz at  
Carnegie Hall*

NEW YORK, N.Y. – March 15, 2010 – **Distinguished Concerts International, New York (DCINY)** presents a thrilling concert event of Vocal Jazz in the Isaac Stern Auditorium at Carnegie Hall on April 9, 2010 at 8:00 pm. The performance will feature Vocal Jazz groups from around the country, performing both individually and as a mass choir.

*More on the Performances*

Maestro Phil Mattson will lead the combined choir in several selections throughout the evening including *I'm Glad There Is You*, *Stella by Starlight* and *Grown Up Christmas List*. The concert will begin with a featured performance by the Valencia Vikings Choir, directed by Christine Tavares. Participating choirs will also perform separately, providing a lively variety and unique window into the world of Vocal Jazz. They will perform arrangements of works from the likes of Thelonious Monk, Duke Ellington, Burt Bacharach, and even J.S. Bach. All of the choirs from around the country will present an inspired night of entertainment, with these uncommon jazz versions of pieces both classic and contemporary.

*Bio of Maestro Mattson*

**Phil Mattson** is a pianist, arranger, conductor, and teacher. Phil has written many arrangements for vocal jazz ensemble and choir. Manhattan Transfer, Chanticleer, The Real Group, The Dale Warland Singers, The Four Freshmen, Clockwork, Beachfront, Solstice, Phoenix and Clarion Chamber Chorale are among the groups who have commissioned his arrangements. In addition, he edited the arrangements of Gene Puerling for publication. Phil served as Vocal Jazz Director for The Stan Kenton Clinics, ACDA National Repertoire and Standards Chair for Vocal Jazz and, annually, conducts the DCINY Phil Mattson Vocal Jazz Festival at Carnegie Hall. In the summer, Phil Mattson Vocal Jazz/Choral Workshops are presented on campuses in the United States, Canada and Europe. He has been nominated for two Grammy awards.

*Contributing Performers*

Ensembles performing include SHE3! and Sparta Vocal Jazz, Janette Hanson, Director; San Marin Jazz Choir, Emily Gates, Director; Valencia High School Vikings Choir, Two N' Four Vocal Jazz and Seven AM, Christine Tavares, Director; Los Gatos High School Jazz Purr, Diana Pleasant, Director; Burnsville High School Freestyle, Bryan Fisher, Director; Voices of Fire, John Popke, Director; Phil Mattson Singers, Phil Mattson, Director; Badinage, Neal Allsup, Director.

*Special Guest Appearance*

Also appearing on the concert will be the San Marin Jazz Band, directed by Samantha Maas-Baldwin. They will open the second half of the concert with an arrangement of David Brubeck's *Rondo a la Turk*. The Afro-Cuban groove and classic Brubeck rhythms will provide for a rousing big band performance.

*DCINY Productions*

With offices in New York City, and **scores of concerts** to its credit in the most **prestigious venues** on both coasts and abroad, DCINY is a major American classical music production company. DCINY productions have ranged from solo and chamber music recitals to full-scale choral masterworks in **Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Jazz at Lincoln Center, and The Town Hall**, as well as Los Angeles' **Walt Disney Concert Hall**. DCINY has produced World, North American, New York City, and a variety of international concert premieres of new work by some of the **leading composers** of our time, performed by **award-winning musicians**. DCINY invites you to visit their website at [www.DCINY.org](http://www.DCINY.org) for details of its exciting **2010 Season**.

*Ticket and Press Information*

Tickets ranging from \$20 - \$100 may be purchased by calling **CarnegieCharge** at **212-247-7800** or by visiting [www.carnegiehall.org](http://www.carnegiehall.org). For more information on VIP packages, group sales or other special offers, please contact us at 212-707-8566, Ext. 307 or [BoxOffice@DCINY.org](mailto:BoxOffice@DCINY.org). Further concert details for this event and other DCINY Productions can be found at <http://www.dcinny.org/2010-opportunities>. Press inquiries and interviews may be arranged by contacting **Arupa Gopal** 212-707-8566, Ext. 308 or [Arupa@DCINY.org](mailto:Arupa@DCINY.org).

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