

MEDIA ADVISORY

SUBJECT: National Veterans Day Concert

SUMMARY: Internationally renowned, 350-plus member VA-National Medical Musical Group will present fifteenth annual National Veterans Day Concert at Second Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, November 7.

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Fresh from their annual Flag and Independence Day Concert in late June on Capital Hill, the internationally renowned VA-National Medical Musical Group will present their fifteenth annual Veterans Day Concert before an audience of 5,000-plus at the Second Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, on Monday, November 7.

Hosted by Bill Kurtis of A&E Network's "Investigative Reports" fame and stage and legendary screen actress Shirley Jones, the program will include a variety of patriotic, classical and light classical favorites as well as readings by local dignitaries. The timeless imagery of "*City on a Hill*," often quoted by President Ronald Reagan from John Winthrop's historic sermon of 1630, will resound throughout the concert.

A non-profit organization founded in Washington, D.C. in 1991 and the largest medical musical group in the United States, the VA-National Medical Musical Group (VA-NMMG) membership spans almost every state. Many are associated with the Department of Veterans Affairs or with medical practices, teaching, or research and travel to concert sites at their own expense.

The VA-NMMG has also performed at The White House, United Nations, Carnegie Hall, Kennedy Center, Chicago's Symphony Center and the Las Vegas Hilton Theater. Overseas performances stretch from Great Britain, France, Denmark, Ireland, Scotland, Spain, Sweden and The Vatican to the far reaches of Russia, China, and New Zealand.

A recipient of the prestigious Congressional Medal of Honor Society Bob Hope Award, the VA-NMMG's mission is to perform "Music with a Message," a message of inspiration, healing and national unity. The Veterans Day Concert in Houston is open to the public and begins at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 7. Tickets are \$10 and veterans with appropriate identification will be admitted free of charge. Second Baptist Church is located at 6400 Woodway Drive (intersection of Woodway and Voss) in Houston. For more information about the VA Medical Musical Group, visit www.vetday.com.

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