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**SCHOLA CANTORUM ON HUDSON CAPS 15TH SEASON WITH CONCERT
CELEBRATING LANDMARK PERIODS IN UNITED STATES HISTORY**

***Day Is Awakening* Choral Concerts in Ramsey, New Jersey and Manhattan**

Jersey City, NJ – *Schola Cantorum on Hudson* (SCH), the critically acclaimed choral ensemble based in the New York metropolitan area, presents *Day Is Awakening*, a concert program of American works underscoring profound moments and landmark periods in United States history from the first half of the twentieth century to the present day. The concert, under the direction of Artistic Director and Founder Dr. Deborah Simpkin King, culminates the organization’s fifteenth anniversary season entitled *Celebrating Our American Stories*. Musical selections represent America’s ever-present optimism, shining brightly through times of adversity. King comments, “In times of greatest strife or difficulty, the people of this great nation have invariably succeeded in drawing upon reserves stronger than any challenge, thereby transforming adversity into opportunity for renewal. The music in this *Day Is Awakening* concert expresses that winning spirit that forms the fabric of our culture.”

Highlights of the program include a performance of a *Project Encore*TM work, “Free at Last.” SCH’s 2009-2010 *Featured Composer* Dr. Roger Wesby based the composition on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” speech. Audiences will also hear Gershwin tunes, spirituals, and familiar folk songs such as Shawn Kirchner’s arrangement of the traditional Appalachian song “Bright Morning Stars.” Other composer/arrangers include Libby Larsen, Moses Hogan, Mark Hayes, and Alice Parker.

The concert will be performed at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 16, 2010, at First Presbyterian Church, 15 Shuart Lane, in Ramsey, New Jersey. The concert will be reprised at 8:00 p.m. on May 22, 2010, at St. John’s in the Village, 218 West 11th Street, one block west of Seventh Avenue, in New York City. All tickets are priced at \$15 in honor of the organization’s fifteenth anniversary. Advance tickets may be purchased online at ScholaOnHudson.org, by email at BoxOffice@ScholaOnHudson.org, or by phone at (201) 918-3011. Groups interested in purchasing a block of ten or more tickets may email GroupSales@ScholaOnHudson.org for more information on special rates.

Additional information regarding the ensemble and its activities can be obtained online at ScholaOnHudson.org or by calling (201) 918-3011.

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