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JLSF Aurora Benefit Dinner & Auction

Friday, October 26, 2007 at 5:00 pm
The New Otani Hotel & Garden
120 S. Los Angeles St. Los Angeles, CA
Benefit tickets: \$100
*\$40 per ticket may be tax deductible

The Gospellers Aurora Benefit Concert in LA

Sunday, October 28, 2007 at 6:00 pm
El Camino College, Center for the Arts: Marsee Auditorium
16007 Crenshaw Blvd. Torrance, CA
Benefit tickets: \$70, \$50, \$35
\$100: Limited VIP Seats will be available (contact Aurora office)
All Reserved Seats

**The Gospellers Aurora Foundation 9th Anniversary Benefit Concert in Los Angeles
on Sunday, October 28, 2007**

The Gospellers, the hit vocal group from Japan, will be performing a benefit concert for the Aurora Japanese Language Scholarship Foundation, a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization established in 1998 for the purpose of encouraging Japanese language teachers and students of Japanese language education. The concert will be held at Marsee Auditorium at El Camino College in Torrance. The Gospellers will also attend the JLSF Aurora Benefit Dinner & Auction as special guests, at the New Otani Hotel on Friday October 26th.

The primary goal of the Aurora Foundation is to assist United States citizens, who are either Japanese language teachers or graduate students of Japanese language education, to experience living in Japan and have the opportunity to participate in various educational programs during their stay to further their understanding of the Japanese language and culture.

The Gospellers are a five-man vocal group composed of Tetsuya Murakami (April 24,1971) Kaoru Kurosawa (April 3,1971) Yuji Sakai (October 5,1972) Yoichi Kitayama (February 24,1974) and Yutaka Yasuoka (August 5,1974). Formed in 1991, the members of the group originally met in the Street Corner Symphony, a cappella group, at prestigious Waseda University. They spent the next few years working towards national recognition, and have just released their 29 singles and 9 albums during that time.

The Gospellers released their first mini-album *Down to Street* on a record label, File Records, in August 1994. After several changes in the lineup, the group made their major label debut with the single "Promise" on Sony's Ki/oon Records at the end of the same year. Japan had yet to fully embrace soul music at this point, not to mention a cappella music, but the band generated enough interest among fans and the general public alike to convince Ki/oon to bet on them. Their first full-length, *The Gospellers*, was released in 1995, followed by *Nimaine* in 1996, *Mo' Beat* in 1997, *Vol. 4* in 1998, *FIVE KEYS* in 1999, and *Soul Serenade* in 2000. In August 2000, leading up to the release of *Soul Serenade*, the group released the single "Towani", produced by Brian Michael Cox. Combining a traditional Japanese melody line with contemporary arrangement, "Towani" saw heavy rotation in 2000, taking the group to a new level of exposure. *Love Notes* was released in June 2001, going on to sell almost two million copies, also seeing release in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, and Indonesia. The single, "Hitori" became the first complete a cappella song to be in the top 3 of the Oricon chart ranking in Japan. The group's next album, entitled *FRENZY*, was release in early 2002, again spawning multiple hits and significantly raising their profile overseas. *A Cappella* was released in December 2002, followed by *Dressed up to the nines* in March 2004 and *G10*, a best-of album commemorating the group's ten years in the spotlight, in December of the same year. *Dressed up to the nines* in particular birthed several big hits,

including the theme song for the J.R.A.(Japan Racing Association); *Machikado-On the Corner* and the ending theme for the television program ER ("End Roll"), as well as the radio-friendly *Right on, Babe* and *Shin Osaka*. In November 2006, their album *Be As One* was released, including the song, *Platinum Kiss* and other hit songs. In addition to releasing and touring, the group has also provided music to other artists, done chorus work for other recordings, and gotten into production. The members of Gospellers are now producers for several Japanese artists and have participated as guest vocals for many artists. (*info from Bill Haw, Nippop.com*)

The Gospellers Aurora Benefit Concert is presented by the Aurora Foundation; produced by Creative Enterprise International, Inc., and is a charitable fundraising event for the Aurora Japanese Language Scholarship Foundation.

Tickets are on sale. For more information, including sponsorship volunteer opportunities & group sales, please contact Aurora Foundation at (323) 882-6545 or by e-mail at AuroraFoundation@usa.net . Please check our website at www.jlsf-aurora.org