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AFTER HOURS – JOHN HARBISON AND FRIENDS **Emmanuel Music Opening Benefit Event**

On September 16, Emmanuel Music kicks off its new season with a benefit concert featuring the jazz and art songs of Acting Artistic Director John Harbison. This concert at Scullers Jazz Club is a unique opportunity to see a little-known side of the Pulitzer Prize-winning composer's musical expression. *After Hours* showcases Harbison performing with friends from his separate worlds of jazz and classical music, together for an unprecedented evening of music-making.

The songs performed were written over a period of 30 years, and celebrate the publication of Harbison's songbook, *After Hours* (G. Shirmer). The songs reflect Harbison's early career as a jazz musician and his use of jazz and popular idioms in his classical works. Two songs were written expressly for this concert and feature lyrics by Pulitzer Prize winners poet Louise Glück (a tough country ballad) and arts critic and poet Lloyd Schwartz (a sophisticated beguine), who will be in attendance at the event.

Harbison performs with his Token Creek Festival Jazz Ensemble members Tom Artin, Rose Mary Harbison, Nicole Pasternak, John Schaffer, and Todd Steward. They are joined by Emmanuel Music singers Roberta Anderson, Charles Blandy, Susan Consoli, Jason McStoots, and Krista Rivers, and by Associate Conductor Michael Beattie on piano.

Following the performance, Patron ticket-holders and artists will mingle at an After-Party generously provided by and hosted at Upstairs on the Square in Cambridge.

Program: Harbison:
Near Art Songs
Waltzes
Mary Travers Comeback
Gatsby Songs I and II
Glück: *Stand by Your Grievance*
Schwartz: *Dreams*

Performers: Token Creek Festival Jazz Ensemble: Tom Artin, Rose Mary Harbison, John Harbison, Nicole Pasternak, John Schaffer, and Todd Steward
Emmanuel Music: Roberta Anderson, Michael Beattie, Charles Blandy, Susan Consoli, Jason McStoots, and Krista Rivers

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 16, 2009, 8:00 PM

Place: Scullers Jazz Club, 400 Soldiers Field Road, Allston MA

Tickets: \$75 General; \$150 Patron

For more information, call (617) 536-3356 or visit our website at www.emmanuelmusic.org.

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Emmanuel Music is the Ensemble-in-Residence at Emmanuel Church.