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THE COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL TO HOST BLACK FOREST LEAGUE VOCAL MUSIC FESTIVAL *Sharing Vocal Talents Amongst Area Students*

Colorado Springs, Colo. – The Colorado Springs School (CSS) will host 100 area high school students and 75 area middle school students from Black Forest League schools for a day dedicated to student vocalists on **Monday, October 26, 2009**. Students from The Colorado Springs School, Big Sandy Schools, Hanover Schools, Vanguard Academy, Calhan Public Schools, Hilltop Baptist School, Pikes Peak Christian School, Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind, Evangelical Christian Academy, and Kiowa Public Schools will engage in vocal music clinics and collaborate that evening for a concert in the **Louisa Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m.** Parents and the public are encouraged to attend the free concert.

Featured clinicians include Amy Sue Lambert and Lee Anne Fitzgibbons who will share their combined knowledge with these middle school and high school choir students throughout the day.

“The Black Forest League Vocal Music Festival is a chance for students in the Black Forest League to work together toward a common goal --- a music performance,” said Kristin Warner, Director of Vocal Music at The Colorado Springs School. “It is a unique opportunity for students to work together, instead of competing against each other like they do in sports or academic teams.”

CSS will also host the Black Forest League for the annual Spring Band Day on Friday, April 16, 2010 under the coordination of Brent Moorhead, CSS Band Director.

About Amy Sue Lambert

Amy Sue Lambert is proud to claim Colorado Springs home after a long stint as a pop star living the Hollywood dream. She is a Billboard-charted recording artist signed to Hollywood Records, Walt Disney Corporation’s record label. Her voice can be heard in the soundtracks to *Bowfinger*, *The*

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Parent Trap, The Wedding Planner, 102 Dalmatians, and Pokémon 2000. In her years with Hollywood Records, she toured with artists such as Britney Spears, Mandy Moore, and Christina Aguilera. She also starred in numerous movies and television shows including her own Buena Vista Television sitcom, *Nobody's Angel* also doing guest spots for the ABC sitcom *Boy Meets World* and the Disney movie *Model Behavior* with Justin Timberlake. Now, with her husband Tim and their two young sons, Lambert continues to live out her dream of performing with world class artists, performers and musicians here in Colorado Springs with the Colorado Springs Philharmonic, the Colorado Festival of World Theatre and the Broadmoor Pops Orchestra under Ken Miller. In 2006, The Denver Post nominated Amy Sue for Best Actress in a musical for her portrayal of Mabel in the *Pirates of Penzance*. Her portrayal of Roxie Hart in *Chicago* for the REP at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center earned her two honors, the Gazette's Best Performance in a Musical Award and the Pikes Peak Arts Council's Award for Best Actress. Amy Sue earned a degree in music education from the University of Illinois - Champaign/Urbana where she was awarded a full talent scholarship.

About Lee Anne Fitzgibbons

Ms. Lee Ann Fitzgibbons holds a Masters of Music from Webster University in Vocal Performance/Pedagogy and a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Millikin University in Musical Theater. Fitzgibbons is a soloist, voice teacher and director. She has conducted choral groups, directed and choreographed numerous stage musical productions and has been a guest clinician or adjudicator in Illinois, Missouri, New Mexico and Colorado for high school choir and show choir events. Fitzgibbons currently teaches voice privately in her studio, *High Note Studio*, and is active in Musical Theater. She has spent a great deal of time learning the art of teaching singing and loves to share her knowledge of singing with her students. Fitzgibbons also owns a Faux Finishing company called *Elegant Finishes* and has a seven year old daughter.

About the Colorado Springs School (CSS)

CSS offers an experiential educational curriculum for Pre-Kindergarten – 12th graders. Through superior academics and mentoring, The Colorado Springs School prepares students to think independently and to meet the needs of a dynamic world with leadership, ingenuity, problem-solving skills, and personal integrity.

For more information on the Colorado Springs School, please contact Jessica L. James, Director of Communications at (719)434-3506 or visit www.css.org.

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