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C*A*M*M*O-PRODUCED MILITARY WIVES' CHOIR TO PERFORM AS PART OF DAVID FOSTER KENNEDY CENTER SPRING GALA

“The US Military Wives Choir,” cast and produced by C*A*M*M*O, The Center For Military Music Opportunities, will be performing at Kennedy Center’s Annual Spring Fundraising Gala, being held Sunday, May 6, at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

C*A*M*M*O held an exhaustive casting call for military wives to form a choir that will perform a brand new piece of music written especially to bring awareness to the stories and honor the courageous lives of our military spouses.

“The response was overwhelming,” said Victor Hurtado, creative director for C*A*M*M*O. “The number of wives who answered the call is just amazing!” The choir, made up of 40 military wives who were cast from hundreds of inquiries, will be featured at the star-studded gala.

As one of Washington's premier benefit engagements, the annual Kennedy Center Spring Gala provides critical funding to support the Center's performances, education, and outreach initiatives.

For the 2012 Spring Gala event, the Kennedy Center is delighted to bring the incredible artistry of **David Foster** to the Concert Hall stage. A 16-time Grammy Award winner, Foster has written, composed, and produced records for a diverse and exceptional catalogue of talents, including Michael Bublé, the late Whitney Houston, Céline Dion, Toni Braxton, Madonna, Chaka Khan, Josh Groban, Barbra Streisand, and many others.

Offering a rare combination of talent, taste, and dedication to his work, Foster has achieved a phenomenal string of hit records and multi-platinum awards over the past three decades. The Kennedy Center celebrates Foster's fine contribution to the arts with a collaboration of special guests, including Grammy Award-nominated trumpeter **Chris Botti**, Billboard's No.1 Traditional Jazz Artist and vocalist **Peter Cincotti**, Grammy-nominated vocalist **Jewel**, Grammy, Tony, and Emmy Award winner **Barry Manilow**, and others.

Foster and his team are committed to continuing the work that has been started with these wonderful wives of our service members. There are plans to record the song and release it in the near future!

Rehearsals

The choir will be rehearsing on Saturday, May 5, from 12-5 p.m. at the Women In Military Service to America Memorial auditorium, located at the end of Memorial Drive, adjacent to the entrance to Arlington Cemetery. The media/public is welcome at rehearsals.

For more information, contact Victor Hurtado at Victor@cammomusic.org.

ABOUT C*A*M*M*O

C*A*M*M*O is a 501c(3) non-profit organization founded in 2009 by U.S. Navy veteran Cathie Lechareas and U.S. Army veteran Victor Hurtado that believes in the healing power of music. Run by veterans for veterans and active-duty service members, C*A*M*M*O develops military and veteran artists, technicians, writers and musicians at its C*A*M*M*O centers. Concurrently it is developing military-specific music therapy programs providing qualified music therapists who can assist past and present service members who are suffering neurological impairments such as traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder. For more information about C*A*M*M*O, visit www.cammomusic.org.

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