

VOCAL COACH RENEE GRANT-WILLIAMS RECEIVES GRANT TO FORM *MUSIC CITY COMMUNITY CHORUS*

March 26, 2006 (NASHVILLE) – Nashville’s premiere vocal coach **Renee Grant-Williams**, whose client list includes Keith Urban, Kenny Chesney, Bo Bice, Martina McBride, Faith Hill, Tim McGraw, and many other celebrities, has received a \$25,000 grant to support the establishment of the new **Music City Community Chorus (MC3)**.

MC3 is a non-profit, broad-based volunteer performing chorus currently being formed in Nashville, Tennessee under the direction of Grant-Williams, founder and former conductor of the San Francisco Community Chorus. The overall goal is to create an organization that will build a bridge between disparate Nashville music communities and styles. The grant for the chorus was funded by a charitable organization that wishes to remain anonymous at this time.

“If you do a quick Google search for ‘community chorus’ you will see hundreds and hundreds of entries. Let’s see, Tempe, Tallahassee, Missoula, Farmington, Snug Harbor, Cheektowaga, Acton, Wimberley are listed, and that’s just the first page,” says Grant-Williams. *“Big cities, little cities, cities you’ve never even heard of – they all have active community choruses. Even Bisbee, Arizona, with a population of fewer than 6,000, has a community chorus, but strangely, Music City does not.”*

The Music City Community Chorus will be open to all persons who have an interest in group singing. Auditions will be structured to recruit not only those who are already skilled at reading music, but those who are willing and able to acquire music skills as they learn. Grant-Williams is currently busy preparing for the launch of the chorus, scheduled for later this spring. More information about how to join the chorus will be announced soon.

Grant-Williams has appeared on numerous broadcast outlets including *MTV*, *GAC*, *CMT*, and has been quoted by and written for numerous print publications including *Cosmopolitan*, *TV Guide*, *US Weekly*, and *Country Weekly*. Grant-Williams was featured on last season’s *Three Wishes* on *NBC* and is slated to appear in an upcoming episodes of *ABC*’s *Extreme Makeover* and *The Today Show*.

Grant-Williams provides voice training at her studio in Nashville. She is the author of *Voice Power* (AMACOM Books, NY), available wherever books are sold, and has recently released a three-part instructional DVD and warm-up CD that are available on her website.

Grant-Williams will also be holding her 8th annual all-day **Vocal Master Class** this year on Saturday, April 22nd at **W274**, a state-of-the-art music venue and production facility in nearby Brentwood, Tennessee. In addition to hands-on training, participants will receive information on the class theme, *Celebrate the Song*, which will focus on how to obtain original songs. The cost to register for this year’s Vocal Master Class with Renee Grant-Williams is **\$299**.

More information about MC3, Grant-Williams, or her annual Vocal Master Class can be found at www.MyVoiceCoach.com or by calling **(615) 259-4900**.

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