## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

Urban Rhythm Auditions Saturday, June 5, 2010 4-8PM Friday, June 18, 2010 4-8PM

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

## New Show Choir Gives Long Beach Teens a GLEE-Like Opportunity

**LONG BEACH** – Inspired by FOX's hit show GLEE, Catalyst Community and Harville Vocal Studio have partnered together to launch an exciting new community urban show choir for Long Beach High School teens. While most show choirs are school-based and more common in the Midwest and East Coast, this new choir, named Urban Rhythm, will be a community-based choir that ideally will represent the diversity of Long Beach.

Its mission is to advance an appreciation of the arts through a community urban show choir that provides high school-aged teens in Long Beach with an artistic outlet. Twenty-four teens from throughout the city will be selected from auditions held in June. Weekly rehearsals will take place through the summer months to prepare the teens for fall and winter performances. New choir director Earl Harville says, "We are so excited to bring this choir to Long Beach's young people. This is an awesome outlet for young performers to grow, not just musically, but as members of this community." The assistant choir director and accompanist will be Davina Keiser who is also a music teacher in the LBUSD.

The audition schedule is as follows:

- Saturday, June 5, 2010 from 4-8pm

   Immanuel Center, 3215 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Long Beach, CA 90814.
- Friday, June 18, 2010 from 4-8pm

   Hancock University Art & Design Center, 1600 Long Beach Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90813.

Those interested in auditioning should go to www.GoCatalyst.org to fill out an application and choose one of two songs to perform for the audition. Join our Facebook Fan Page and follow us on Twitter at http://twitter.com/LBUrbanRhythm.

Catalyst Community is a non-profit organization that empowers member-driven communities to connect around shared interests and to affect their neighborhoods. In addition to collaborative communities, Catalyst also spearheads individual projects that can have a catalytic impact on the community. For more information about Catalyst Community, go to www.GoCatalyst.org.

Harville Vocal Studio is based in Long Beach, California. Vocal trainer Earl Harville teaches techniques that allow singers to perform with strength, clarity, extended range, and endurance in whatever styles they wish to explore. He is also a local singer/songwriter who has performed at various venues in Long Beach. For more information about Harville Vocal Studio, go to www.HarvilleVocalStudio.com.