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Take 6 Mark Tenth Anniversary with a Return to Cappella Roots on "So Cool"

With Seven Grammy Awards Already To Their Credit, The October 27th Release of "So Cool" Finds The World's Most Heralded Gospel/Pop Crossover Artists Reaffirming Their Place As The Leading Voices of American A Cappella

"Take 6 is one of the most acclaimed and influential groups in pop music...that rare gospel act that crosses religious and cultural bounds." - **USA Today**

"A cappella's Cool!" - With the opening line of their sixth album, **SO COOL**, gospel ambassadors **TAKE 6** (Alvin Chea, Cedric Dent, Joey Kibble, Mark Kibble, Claude McKnight and David Thomas) affirm that they have come home to a cappella.

In a career that has seen five gold & platinum albums, seven Grammy Awards (out of fifteen nominations), eight Dove Awards, and the group topping **Downbeat Magazine's** readers & critics' poll as "Best Jazz Vocal Group" for an

amazing seven consecutive years, Take 6 has decided to mark the tenth anniversary of the group's recording debut by returning to their a cappella roots. "Singing a cappella is a wonderful intimate form of music, and we knew we had not yet explored all of its possibilities. We decided to go back down that road to see what more we could do," explains Chea. Highlighting the legendary synthesis of doo-wop, gospel, jazz and R&B that has won Take 6 fans across the world, **So Cool** (set for release October 27th by Warner/Reprise) further incorporates an electric array of styles that include swing, cool jazz, pop and even South African chorale. All these elements are grounded in the abiding faith in God that runs throughout Take 6's lush a cappella harmonies.

However, while Take 6 is revisiting their roots, they are also exploring new terrain with an eye



(L-R) Joey Kibble, David Thomas, Claude McKnight, Alvin Chea, Cedric Dent, Mark Kibble

to the future. The group will be making their on-screen feature film debut in Steve Martin and Goldie Hawn's upcoming release, "The Out-of-Towners". In addition, the group will appear on the companion album for Dreamworks' "Prince of Egypt", and has filmed as PSA entitled "We're All in This Together" for the NFL & United Way that will air throughout the fall football season.

Now that they have reached the ten-year mark, Take 6's philosophy on their enduring success can best be summed up in their new motto. "Some people would call it a great career... We call it a good beginning!"

For more information on Take 6 or a copy of **So Cool**, please contact John Reily or Josh Norek at 718.522.7171

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Interfaith Spiritual Center

As founder of the Interfaith Spiritual Center, Cecilia Ranger, S.N.J.M., Ph.D., realizes a ten-year-old dream. An interfaith family background, education at both Roman Catholic and Ecumenical Institutions, and teaching experience in Comparative Religions have prepared her well to accompany persons of many spiritual traditions as they move toward spiritual growth and personal integration. Her passion and mission revolve around serving as a facilitator to those who are deeply concerned about the impact of the spiritual on all of life. Cecilia continues to dream that the different religious traditions will talk together and work together, moving our world toward more Lasting Peace.

Richard Eaton has been involved in education, counseling and spirituality for over 28 years, both in the United States and Europe. His experience in spirituality spans both Eastern and Western traditions and he prefers blending the two for a Western audience. Richard has worked with death and the dying, and only recently has returned to the "real" world following a four-year hiatus living in retreat centers and monasteries. He is currently doing service work in the public health arena. The main thrust of Richard's approach is discovery of the sacredness in ordinary life and maintenance of mindfulness in the midst of our Western lives at the end of the 20th century.

Karin Miles provides supportive accompaniment during spiritual crisis, transition and growth, with particular focus on midlife, grief and loss, and end of life issues. Karin is familiar with both Western and Eastern spiritual traditions, and offers holy listening and

unhurried guidance through remembering our innate connection with the Divine. Karin is especially helpful in pointing the way to befriending and transforming the unfixables of our lives. Travel and study in Asia, serving as resident director for a Northwest retreat center, hospice service, conflict resolution work and fifteen years of personal spiritual practice have prepared Karin for this service.

Dale Rhodes is called to work with those interested in healing a religious past and developing an eclectic interfaith spiritual practice. His professional work is always a form of ministry and includes work with the homeless, the mentally ill and people affected by HIV/AIDS. Dale has been a Unitarian Universalist for nine years and is a member of first Unitarian Church. He has a B.A. in Interpersonal Communication, a minor in Feminist theory and an M.S. in Human Services Administration from Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies. Dale is writing a thesis on gay men's spiritual development for an M.A. in Spiritual Traditions and Ethics at Marylhurst University.

Scott Bengel is committed to accompanying others as they seek to embrace the true nature of their relationship with the Divine. Growing up unchurched and filled with a yearning for something more, Scott spent many years seeking a common thread of truth in the world's wisdom traditions. His journey included spiritual crisis, career transition and education on spiritual traditions/ethics. A dedicated husband and father, Scott is challenged to bring spiritual balance into all areas of his life. A resultant rich individual and commu-

nal spiritual practice enhances his work as a spiritual guide. Scott was trained by the Benedictine Sisters of Mt. Angel's Shalom Prayer Center.

Ashley McCormack, Ph.D. is committed to partnering with others during transformation as they seek more spirit, peace, and joy in their daily lives. As a personal coach and spiritual director, Ashley works with individuals and couples to help them create conscious, fulfilling and extraordinary lives. As a student of world wisdom traditions for nine years, Ashley's spiritual practices center on love and devotion. Her degrees in chemistry and fine art are being integrated with spirit in her M.A. candidacy in Spiritual Traditions and Ethics at Marylhurst University. She is preparing for ordination as a New Thought minister.

Tracy Soine, spiritual companion, listens for the inner wisdom and unique call of spirit within those she serves. Knowing that spirit's desire to express is often evidenced by seemingly unimaginable dreams accompanied by self-doubt, apparent obstacles and frustrations, Tracy journeys with her companions as they explore images of the Divine and claim their Spirit born dreams. She has been active in pastoral care for five years - her own journey from spiritual crisis to the discovery of power as spiritual gift, preparing her for this service. Tracy is preparing for ordained ministry in the New Thought tradition.

Informed by multi-cultural counseling and comparative spiritual practice Catherine Al-Meten, M.A. supports those seeking to deepen and integrate their spiritual lives. Special-

izing in chronic stress and trauma, healing through life traditions and the transformation of stress, grief and fear into Divine Creative Energy, Catherine facilitates individual spiritual growth and formation, sacred journey groups, retreats and workshops and the study of sacred work. Her education includes Spiritual Traditions and Ethics, Pastoral Care and psychology at Marylhurst University where she teaches Comparative Spiritual Practices and Religion.

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