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Note to reporters: Digital photographs of the Whiffenpoofs are available on their Web site at www.whiffenpoofs.com (see Downloads section).

Yale Whiffenpoofs To Perform in Benefit Concert for Connecticut Voices for Children on May 4

Renowned a capella group has entertained Presidents and national TV audiences

The Whiffenpoofs, Yale University's renowned *a capella* group, will perform in a benefit concert for Connecticut Voices for Children, a statewide, research-based child advocacy organization, on **Wednesday, May 4, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at The Carousel at Lighthouse Point in New Haven.** The suggested minimum donation is \$100 (all but \$35 of each contribution is tax-deductible). Complimentary food and drink will be served. For reservations or information, call (203) 498-4240.

Connecticut Voices for Children is a research-based policy and advocacy organization committed to promoting leadership, policy change, and investment on behalf of all of Connecticut's children and youth (www.ctkidslink.org). The organization works on a variety of issues that affect families, including early care, K-12 and higher education, children's health and mental health, foster care, juvenile justice, youth development, and state and federal tax and budget. It accomplishes its goals through publishing research and policy reports, disseminating information through the news media and its Web site, educating state and federal policy leaders, participating in state and national coalitions, celebrating the accomplishments and service of youth and adults through its annual Youth Spirit Awards and First for Kids Awards, and developing the next generation of advocacy leadership through its internship and fellowship programs.

Founded in 1909, the Whiffenpoofs have grown from their humble beginnings as Monday night crooners at Mory's Temple Bar to claim a permanent niche in American culture. Cole Porter, Yale Class of 1913, highlights the list of noteworthy Whiffenpoof alumni, which also includes Senator Prescott Bush, father of former President George Bush. Rudy Vallee (Whiffs of 1927) gave "The Whiffenpoof Song" nationwide recognition when he recorded a solo version of the ballad in the 1930s, and later, Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald (made an honorary Whiffenpoof in 1979), Bing Crosby, and Elvis Presley followed suit with their own recordings.

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In recent years, satisfied clients have included hotels, corporations, and the likes of Presidents Reagan, Bush, and Clinton, Mother Theresa, and the Dalai Lama, in venues such as Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and the Rose Bowl, and for events such as the World Series, Saturday Night Live, NBC's Today Show and The West Wing. *A cappella* arrangements of jazz standards, classic ballads, traditional Yale songs, and recent popular hits continue to delight audiences all over the world.

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