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Sylvia McNair releases new CD “PEACE” for the Holiday Season

Bloomington, IN – November 25, 2011—Two-time Grammy award winner, Sylvia McNair has been reinventing herself over the past the 8-10 years transitioning from Opera to the Great American Songbook and musical theatre. Today she releases her new CD, “PEACE,” a collection of Holiday favorites.

“This is the Christmas CD I've wanted to make for years. It is filled with our favorite holiday tunes and spun right here at home using local artists and technicians. The idea originated with my friend Laurie Burns McRobbie who heard David and me perform for a MiddleWay House event 2 years ago. Now, finally, we are releasing **PEACE**. My deepest thanks to the remarkable musicians, my *friends*, who made music with me: David Gulyas (jazz guitar), Jeremy Allen (bass), Pat Harbison (flugelhorn) and Ben McClelland (violin). **"LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME"** is the reason I sing.”

The CD is available for purchase online from her website, www.SylviaMcNair.com or from CD Baby <http://cdbaby.com/cd/sylviamcnair> .

Two-time Grammy Award winner and regional Emmy Award winner, Sylvia McNair lays claim to a three-decade, stellar career in the musical realms of opera, oratorio, cabaret and musical theater. Her journey has taken her from the Metropolitan Opera to the Salzburg Festival, from the New York Philharmonic to the Rainbow Room, from the Ravinia Festival to The Plaza, from the pages of The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal to the London Times and the cover of Cabaret Scenes. Having appeared as a soloist multiple times with nearly every major opera company and symphony orchestra in the world, this songbird has flown the classical coop. She's retracing her star route now with Gershwin, Porter, Sondheim and Bernstein. A proud Buckeye from Mansfield, Ohio, Sylvia earned a Masters degree with Distinction from the Indiana University School of Music, received honorary doctorates from Westminster College (1997) and Indiana University (1998), the Ohio Governor's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Arts and Entertainment (1999), and the Indiana Governor's Arts Award (2011). In 2007, Sylvia received The Gaudium Award from The Breukelein Institute for “extraordinary and distinctive contributions to the arts and public life.”

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For More information about this CD or to schedule an interview with Sylvia McNair, please go to Sylvia's website, www.SylviaMcNair.com or contact the individuals below.

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