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The Instruments Of Peace

(NAPSA)—A worldwide concert may help strike an important chord for peace in 2002. The annual show features American music students singing the praises of unity to an audience of millions around the globe.

This March, the 18th annual “World’s Largest Concert” (WLC), set in Salt Lake City Utah, will reach music lovers from approximately 175 countries.

The concert, created by MENC: The National Association for Music Education, celebrates peace through music and the importance music can play in a child’s education (for example, research has shown that after eight months of keyboard lessons, preschoolers showed a 46 percent boost in their spatial-reasoning IQ). The show will feature the International Children’s Choir and the WLC Honors Youth Orchestra.

“The WLC helps send an important message,” says John Mahlmann, MENC executive director. “As our world’s children join in singing inspirational songs from around the globe, they will be joining in a spirit of unity, excellence in achievement



An annual concert is music to the ears of millions of people around the globe.

and peace.”

Mahlmann says 2002’s WLC program was chosen to represent past and future Olympic host countries, including Nagano, Japan; Sydney, Australia; Athens, Greece; Turin, Italy and Beijing, China.

The selections include *Garifalia*, a Greek folk tune, *Hong Tsai Me Me*, a Chinese folk tune, *Peace Be With You*, *Mountain Anthem*, *The Next Country Over*, and *Kuna San Suite*.

The WLC is broadcast on PBS and the Armed Forces Network to six million people. For more information visit www.musicfriends.org.