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URGENT

- WHAT:** Stand with Haiti Benefit Concert
WHEN: Thursday, February 11th at 7PM
WHERE: UMass Fine Arts Center Concert Hall, Amherst, MA
TICKETS: Call 1-800-999-UMAS or 545-2511 for tickets or go online to www.umasstix.com
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(STAND FOR HAITI BENEFIT CONCERT AT UMASS FINE ARTS CENTER)

The UMass Fine Arts Center is producing a benefit concert for Haiti Relief on Thursday evening, February 11 at 7PM in the Concert Hall. All proceeds from the concert will go directly to Partners in Health (PIH). PIH has been working on the ground in Haiti for over 20 years. PIH works to bring modern medical care to poor communities in nine countries around the world. The vast majority of PIH staff are local nationals based in the communities they serve.

As of now, the following confirmed performers are on tap for that evening: Erin McKeown, Tehillah (St. John's Congregational Church Gospel Choir); Joe Velez and Creacion (smooth Latin jazz); UMass Jazz Ensemble I, the Young at Heart Chorus and the FlavaEvolution Quartet, Haitian American poet Lenelle Moïse, the UMass Step Team, the Haitian American Student Assoc. dance group, the South Asian Student Association Dance team, Casa Dominicana's dance group Cayena, the DooWop Shop and other special guests. The details of the concert are still evolving so be sure to check the Fine Arts Center website www.fineartscenter.com for updates. Tickets will be priced at \$20; \$10 for students and youth 17 and under. Tickets are available in person at the box office or online at www.umasstix.com or by calling 545-2511.

Stand for Haiti has come together through the generous efforts of partners such as WFCR/WNNZ, the Center for Student Development, the UMass Dept. of Music and Dance, the Haitian American Student Association, the City of Springfield - University of Massachusetts Amherst Partnership, the UMass Alumni Association, the Amherst Chamber of Commerce, WGBY, 93.9 The River, the Valley Advocate, the Daily Hampshire Gazette, The Recorder, Hampshire Hospitality Group and the Northampton Arts Council. Our goal is to raise as much money as we can for Partners in Health's relief efforts in Haiti.

At the same time and bookending this event, the Northampton Arts Council will be presenting its Four Sundays in February series and will be passing the hat to raise funds for PIH. For more on the Four Sundays series, visit www.northamptonartscouncil.org.

For those who cannot attend the Stand with Haiti Benefit Concert, they can make a donation at Partners in Health (<http://www.standwithhaiti.org/haiti>)

Photos of performers are available for download at the Fine Arts Center online pressroom: <http://www.umass.edu/fac/centerwide/pressRoom/index.html>.