## "Boston Camerata, where have you been all my life?" New York Times

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## The Boston Camerata Champion Arts in America

The Boston Camerata, currently celebrating the re-release of three beautiful new albums this month -- 'Liberty Tree', 'Trav'ling Home' and 'The American Vocalist' -- have been pioneering the rediscovery of hidden musical treasures since they came together in 1954. These latest releases of early American music provide a vivid summation of Camerata's much-admired work in this field, and serve also to highlight the renewed, positive atmosphere towards the arts that America is enjoying at present.

'Simple Gifts', a historic American Shaker song that The Boston Camerata helped make famous in a 2003 recording of through Warner Classics and Jazz, was heard during the worldwide broadcasting of President Obama's Inauguration ceremony last week, thus allowing millions across the globe to listen to music that "resonates through American history".

Keen to maintain strong links with the younger generation, mezzo-soprano and Artistic Director **Anne Azéma and** Director Emeritus **Joel Cohen**, have recently spent a semester lecturing and performing at the University of Tennessee. Engaging with faculty and students during special courses in language and literature, and musicology, has given these artists the opportunity to reach out to a youthful audience, and in turn educate future generations of Americans.

"We hope that during Barak Obama's presidency, America's cultural side will blossom," says Anne Azéma. "As a European-born artist who made a home in the New World, I get the definite sense that we are living in an exciting and crucial time."

The Boston Camerata is currently planning overseas tours for 2009-2010 in France, the Netherlands, Columbia, Australia, as well as travel in North America. An extensive series of Camerata's highly regarded recordings, including wideranging repertoire from the thirteenth through the nineteenth

centuries, is currently available on Warner Classics.

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## **Notes to Editor:**

'Liberty Tree', 'Trav'ling Home' and 'The American Vocalist' are released on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

A news item relating to their 'Simple Gifts' release can be found at: A news item on this can be found live at:

http://www.overgrownpath.com/2009/01/simple-gifts-cd.html

Simple gifts can be bought through WCJ website: www.warnerclassicsandjazz.com