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St. Paul, Minn.—The Rose Ensemble will perform twice this week in France by the invitation of two international choral festivals. As part of the Festival d’Ile de France, The Rose Ensemble will present “La Dernière Reine d’Hawai” (*The Last Queen of Hawai’i*) in Paris this Sunday. Two days later, the group will present a concert of early Slavic repertoire at the Festival de Musiques Anciennes in Tours, Minneapolis’ Sister City.

The Rose Ensemble’s visit to Paris is receiving extensive media coverage in Europe. This morning, Artistic Director Jordan Sramek and baritone Tim O’Brien appeared in a live television interview on [France Ô](#) (French National Television). The Rose Ensemble’s performance in Paris will be recorded for national rebroadcast by [Radio France](#), and the musicians will be interviewed for the cultural program Equinoxe. The well-known world music Web site and radio program [Mondo Mix](#) will also record sound and video at the performance.

The Rose Ensemble was invited to participate in the two French festivals after winning first prize in the sacred music category at the 2007 Tolosa International Choral Competition in Spain. This is The Rose Ensemble’s third European tour of 2008.

In November, The Rose Ensemble will present the Tours-based vocal group Diabolus in Musica at the Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis, continuing a four-year history of cultural exchange between the two Sister Cities.

ABOUT THE ROSE ENSEMBLE The Rose Ensemble reawakens the ancient with vocal music that stirs the emotions, challenges the mind and lifts the spirit. The group tours both nationally and internationally with repertoire spanning 1,000 years and 25 languages. Now entering its thirteenth performance season, The Rose Ensemble is the recipient of the 2005 Chorus America Margaret Hillis Award for Choral Excellence and a first-place winner in the 2007 Tolosa International Choral Competition.

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