



THE ROSE ENSEMBLE  
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## The Rose Ensemble to Perform at Five European Festivals, Summer 2008

St. Paul, Minn.—The Rose Ensemble will present over 25 concerts in Italy and France this summer as part of five international choral festivals. The only American choir invited to participate in any of these events, The Rose Ensemble will perform repertoire ranging from medieval French polyphony to Polish Renaissance motets to Sephardic songs to traditional Hawaiian music.

“While all our performances are important, we’re especially honored to be bringing early Hawaiian music to Paris at the *Festival d’Ile de France*, which will be recorded for a special Radio France rebroadcast,” said Rose Ensemble Artistic/Executive Director Jordan Sramek. “Our musicians are thrilled to have received these prestigious invitations and we very much appreciate the support our audience has shown to make these important performances possible.”

This is the fourth consecutive year that The Rose Ensemble has toured in Europe. The Rose Ensemble performed in Germany at the 2006 Regensburg Tage Alter Musik Festival, and in 2005 presented a modern-day premiere of medieval French music in Tours, France (Minneapolis’ sister city.) Last year The Rose Ensemble won first place in the sacred music category at the Tolosa International Choral Competition in Spain, part of the European Grand Prix.

### EUROPEAN FESTIVALS

- **Legnano, ITALY:** [La Fabbrica del Canto International Choral Festival](#) (June 5-17)
- **Burgundy, FRANCE:** [Festival Musique en Morvan](#) ( July 17-27)
- **Provence, FRANCE:** Festival des Choeurs Laureats in Vaison (July 28-Aug. 2)
- **Paris, FRANCE:** [Festival d'Ile de France](#) (Sept. 14)
- **Tours, FRANCE:** Festival de Musiques Anciennes (Sept. 16)

### ABOUT THE ROSE ENSEMBLE

Called “the Twin Cities’ most daring and imaginative vocal ensemble” by the St. Paul *Pioneer Press*, 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, connecting audiences to the human stories that have shaped cultures across the globe and through the ages. 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.

### MORE INFORMATION

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