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Gwinnett Choral Guild's Artistic Director to complete Master's of Music degree in Choral Conducting and Vocal Performance at Georgia State University

Lawrenceville, GA, September 28, 2004 – G. Phillip Shoultz, III, Artistic Director of the Gwinnett Choral Guild, is preparing to complete his Master's of Music degree at Georgia State University this fall. As part of his graduation requirements, Mr. Shoultz will be directing the Guild's concert as his recital on Saturday, November 13, 2004, at 8:00pm at Snellville United Methodist Church. The concert, entitled "In Honor Of," will feature the music of Handel, Haydn, Randall Thompson, and contemporary settings of folk songs, spirituals and gospel, as well as special guests the Musica Viva Orchestra, the Georgia State University Choral Society, and guest soloists.

G. Phillip Shoultz, III is in his fifth full season as the Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the Gwinnett Choral Guild. In addition to pursuing his Master of Music degrees in Choral Conducting and Vocal Performance, Mr. Shoultz also serves as a Graduate Teaching Assistant in Choral Music and as Director of the Vocal Jazz Ensemble at Georgia State University.

Mr. Shoultz, who received Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Music degrees, Magna Cum Laude with High Honors, from the University of Georgia in 1998, also directs the Adult and Youth Music Ministries at Snellville United Methodist Church. From 1999-2003, Mr. Shoultz served as Director of Choral and General Music Studies for Winder-Barrow Middle School. During his teaching tenure, he

was named Teacher of the Year three times: Wal-Mart in 2001, NAACP in 2002 and by his teaching colleagues in 2003. Under his highly energetic direction, the Bullpup Choruses won two Sweepstakes Trophies in the nationally acclaimed Southern Star Music Festival, received First Place Trophies at the Musicfest Orlando Festival and received eighteen overall superior ratings in performance and sight-reading at GMEA District Choral Festivals.

As a performer, Mr. Shoultz has been recognized with First Place Awards at the State and Regional Levels from the National Association of Teachers of Singing, and as a National Semi-Finalist in the Student Conducting Competition of the American Choral Directors Association. In addition, Mr. Shoultz has been a guest clinician for GMEA District Honor Choirs, adjudicated solo and choral festivals, and has served as vocal consultant to over thirty schools, churches and community organizations.

Mr. Shoultz holds memberships with the American Choral Directors Association (ADCA), Chorus America, Georgia Music Educators Association (GMEA), Music Educators™ National Conference (MENC), Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM), Association for Choral Music Education (ACME) and has completed Two Levels of Advanced Certification Courses through the Doreen Rao Choral Music Experience Institute.

The Gwinnett Choral Guild was founded in 1983 with the goal of providing quality choral music for both singers and audiences. The Guild takes pride in the variety of music performed, which includes classical, patriotic, folk, Broadway show tunes, sacred, and masterworks by both foreign and American composers. The GCG consists of volunteers with a wide range of musical backgrounds, and represents a variety of professions and business interests with one thing in common - the love of singing and performing.

For more information and tickets, please call 404-223-9962 or visit the website, www.gwinnettchoralguild.org.

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