

# CHICK SINGER NIGHT®

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## Chick Singer Night Receives NAMM Grant

### Funding Helps Bring Music Making Opportunities to Women Nationwide

May 19, 2004 – Chick Singer Night (CSN), a national performance network for women, announced today that it was recently awarded a \$35,000 grant from NAMM, the International Music Products Association. The grant represents the single largest award ever received by CSN and will help the program continue to bring music making opportunities to women across the country.

NAMM's grant program focuses on organizations that help support the trade association's mission of creating more active music makers worldwide. Winners were chosen based on criteria including the geographic scope of the program, a demonstrated ability to fulfill the stated objectives and successfully implement the program and an enhancement of the market for music products. "We're excited to receive this grant from NAMM, because it means we can reach a broader base with our program," said Lori Maier, founder and executive director of Chick Singer Night and Breathe, A Foundation for the Artist. "Having the support of the music products industry validates our belief that women are a powerful force in today's music market. CSN offers women the opportunity to experience and expand their musical potential. We encourage women to make music, share that music, and in the end, become a new addition to the music scene."

### ABOUT CHICK SINGER NIGHT

Now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year and franchised in seven cities across the country, Chick Singer Night offers monthly performance opportunities to singers of all levels of experience and all styles of music. The event serves music communities in Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, Nashville, Miami, Las Vegas and Hawaii, and will be launching a Boston chapter and a New Jersey chapter in the summer of 2004. Supporters of the program include musicians Sheryl Crow, Phoebe Snow, LeAnn Rimes and Norah Jones. National sponsors include Breathe ~ A Foundation for the Artist, Alesis, Fender, JBL, Shure, Tascam, TC Electronic and Guitar Center.

Chick Singer Night is headquartered in Thousand Oaks, California. More information on CSN can be found at <http://www.chicksingernight.com>.

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### **ABOUT BREATHE**

Breathe – A Foundation for the Artist plans to serve individual artists and arts educators, promote their freedom to develop and create and provide the broader public with opportunities to experience and understand their work. Breathe will accomplish this by offering financial and informational assistance to educators, artists and organizations that directly serve artists, by offering educational seminars and workshops where ideas and opinions relating to all disciplines of the arts may be expressed and shared by others, by directly facilitating arts programming and supporting other arts programming in the larger community, and by building collaborative relationships with others who advocate and support all disciplines of the arts in Illinois State and throughout the country.

Breathe is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation.

### **ABOUT NAMM**

The International Music Products Association, commonly called NAMM in reference to the organization's popular NAMM trade shows, is the not-for-profit association that unifies, leads and strengthens the \$16 billion global musical instruments and products industry. NAMM's activities and programs are designed to promote music making to people of all ages. NAMM is comprised of approximately 8,000 member companies. For more information about NAMM, interested parties can visit [www.namm.com](http://www.namm.com) or call 800-767-NAMM (6266).