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CLASSICAL ARCHIVES CELEBRATES THE SPLENDOR OF AMERICAN MUSIC

Interview With American baritone, Thomas Hampson and New One-Click Concerts Featured Throughout July

Palo Alto, CA -- **Classical Archives** (www.ClassicalArchives.com) proudly presents a unique American Music Celebration throughout the month of July – including an exclusive interview with acclaimed American baritone, Thomas Hampson, in anticipation of his 2009 Song of America tour starting this month:

- The Celebration features an **exclusive interview with famed baritone Thomas Hampson**, as he prepares to resume his acclaimed Song of America tour, in partnership with the Library of Congress. The tour, entitled “250 Years of American Song”, begins on July 9 in Winona, MN, and continues through February 2010 – with stops at the Ravinia, Tanglewood, and Grand Teton Music Festivals. Alongside the in-depth and provocative interview, the Hampson feature also includes a special presentation of the original EMI Classics CD *Song of America*, from the first tour in 2005-06, complete with notes from the Library of Congress.\
- The Celebration also features a two-part concert of seminal American classical music from Revolutionary times to the present. Each One-Click Concert™ features outstanding selections from our top performers of works by Billings, MacDowell, Ives, Copland, Gershwin, Bernstein, Glass, Adams, Corigliano, and many others. Each selection is then enriched with historical notes by Dr. Nolan Gasser, Artistic Director of Classical Archives.

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