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Canada United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce
38 Grosvenor Street
London W1K 4DP

Dear Sir

I understand that you may be able to assist me in my quest for support for securing the services of a Canadian organisation to assist in celebrating the 30th Birthday of the Chorus I direct.

I am the Chorus Director of a Barbershop Chorus in Guildford, Surrey, which is one of the oldest established such choruses in the UK. The Chorus will celebrate its thirtieth birthday in 2008. This is an occasion which cannot go unmarked and has been stated as such by our umbrella organisation, the British Association of Barbershop Singers. It is, therefore, the intention to put on a show as one element of the year's festivities.

As a small Chorus, currently numbering fifteen committed singers, our financial resources are somewhat limited and we are seeking financial support for. The Show will be in aid of local charities ICAN and Cherry Trees and we hope to be able to distribute all the proceeds from ticket sales to these charities.

To put on a show for such a celebration requires a well-known headline act. In the barbershop world, this necessarily means tempting a chorus from across "the Pond". I am in an advanced stage of negotiation with a chorus from Toronto, known as the "Toronto Northern Lights" to be our headline act. TNL are one of the best barbershop choruses in North America, having come second in the International Chorus competition, five years in a row. Such a high standard requires a very high level of commitment on behalf of its members and these results are no small recognition of TNL's quality. (TNL website: www.northernlightschorus.com)

Bringing TNL to the UK inevitably costs a serious amount of money. Fortunately, their visit is seen as part holiday, after all singing in this context is a hobby, and part "work". We are not therefore looking for large sums of money. I am, however, asking for assistance to help defray the expenses of securing the services of the TNL for our thirtieth birthday celebration show and to help us to maximise our contribution to local charities.

I am also hoping to secure the attendance of the Canadian High Commissioner at the Show.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely

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