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Concert: Jewish/World Music

**Vocolot Celebrates 25 Years of Musical Activism with Jewish Heart and Universal Soul**

Singing the Change: Vocolot at 25 Concert and CD Release Nov. 4 at Berkeley's Freight & Salvage

Oakland, October 8, 2012 – Internationally renowned Jewish and world music vocal ensemble Vocolot celebrates 25 years of musical activism with a joyful reunion concert and CD release on November 4 at Berkeley's Freight & Salvage Coffeehouse. Since 1987 Vocolot has sung a vision of peace and social conscience for audiences all over the U.S. and in Europe, while celebrating Jewish women's music. Tickets for *Singing the Change: Vocolot at 25* are \$26.50 in advance and \$28.50 at the door.

Special Performances By Past Members

For the first time in the group's history, this special evening will bring together many of the 22 women who have been members of Vocolot over the past quarter century. A diversity of voices will be featured, including Bay Area jazz vocalist Ellen Robinson, Los Angeles-based singer Alison Lewis, Rabbi Rosalind Glaser, Cantor Felicia Sloin and former Beach Blanket Babylon cast member, Jennifer Karno.

Founded for Musical Activism

At the dawn of a different election year, 1987, cantor Linda Hirschhorn co-founded the group and encouraged political participation with the slogan "Get out the local vote with Vocolot!" Since then Vocolot has continued to share messages of peace, social justice and women's equality through original songs and new arrangements of traditional texts. While their lyrics range from English to Ladino (the nearly extinct language of the Sephardic Jews), their message is universal.

About Vocolot

Singing at festivals, clubs and synagogues, the group's performance highlights have included London and Nottingham in 2000, the International Jewish Music Festival in Amsterdam in 2008 and 2009, and a collaboration with the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir in the spring of this year. The group has just completed an ambitious recording project, resulting in the upcoming *Vocolot at 25* CD. Linda Hirschhorn leads the group, which also features members Liz Stuart, Shana Levy and Talia Cooper.

For more information, see www.vocolot.com

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CALENDAR LISTING

Concert: Vocal Jewish/World Music

Singing the Change: Vocolot at 25

Famed Jewish and world music female vocal ensemble Vocolot celebrates 25 years of musical activism with a joyful reunion concert and CD release.

Sunday, November 4, 8pm

Freight and Salvage Coffeehouse

2020 Addison Street, Berkeley

Tickets: \$26.50 in advance and \$28.50 at the door. Available online [here](http://www.thefreight.org) at www.thefreight.org or call 510-644-2020.

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