



Press Release



Local Vocal Group Releases 2nd CD

Silk Cords, a Galesburg-based, sacred vocal jazz quartet, announces the release of their second compact disc, *More Amazing Grace*. The new CD includes fresh arrangements of favorite hymns and gospel songs, including *Peace in the Valley*, *Wade in the Water*, *This Little Gospel Light of Mine* and *I'll Fly Away*. Members of the ensemble are Carolyn Kellert, Julie Reinertsen, Laura Duncan and Hillary Hoffman. Sample clips of music from both of **Silk Cords** CD's can be heard by visiting their web site at www.silk-cords.com.

Silk Cords formed their quartet in October 2000 almost by accident as a means of helping Hillary fulfill a promise she made to provide music for the wedding of a friend's daughter. Shortly after their wedding performance, they were asked to perform several sacred pieces for a Sunday morning worship service at Faith United Presbyterian Church in Monmouth, IL. Nearly five years later, the Silk Cords are performing for many churches and organizations all over Illinois and eastern Iowa.

The a cappella ensemble, whose harmonious blend of voices has brought them favorable comparison with Take Six, a popular male vocal jazz group, combines sacred lyrics and jazz harmonies to create a unique and uplifting sound. Their repertoire ranges from traditional choral literature to new arrangements of old hymns and spirituals. The group has attracted a large following of jazz lovers as well as those who simply love well-crafted and superbly performed renditions of their favorite hymns, gospel songs, and spirituals.

Their Mission Statement is: "*We believe that the message of God's goodness and sovereignty can be witnessed through many different settings and styles of musical literature. We continue to pray for God's blessings as we strive to do His work through the uplifting gift of music.*"

More Amazing Grace, as well as their first CD, *Amazing Grace*, can be ordered by contacting Hillary Hoffman, 537 N. Academy St., Galesburg, IL 61401; or by visiting their web site at www.silk-cords.com. CD's are \$10.00 each, plus \$3.95 shipping for 1-3 CD's. For more general information or possible booking arrangements, please contact Carolyn Kellert, 801 N. Eighth, Monmouth, IL 61462.



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