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**30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY HARMONY FESTIVAL PARTNERS WITH CHARITIES  
TO BUILD ETHIOPIAN ORPHAN CENTER, PLANT TREES WORLDWIDE,  
AND OFFER AID TO TIBETAN REFUGEES WORLDWIDE**

*MAY 8, 2008 (San Francisco, CA)* — Celebrating 30 years of new ideas, community activism, eco-awareness, spiritual wisdom, visionary art, and conscious music, the Harmony Festival <http://www.harmonyfestival.com> is very pleased to announce its new partnership with three worthy charities, The World Family, Trees For the Future, and the Yungchen Lhamo Foundation.

Harmony Festival has always been a green and charitable event. In this anniversary year, the Festival continues its tradition by supporting Reggae superstar Damian “Jr. Gong” Marley’s appearance by donating \$20,000 to his chosen non-profit organization, **The World Family - Ethiopian Orphans and Medical Care**. All funds raised go toward the green and sustainable building of The Yemegnushal Community Center in Gara Dima, Ethiopia, where staff is eager to implement community-based orphan support programs and offer opportunities for self-sufficiency in a place which lacks resources or hope. The Center’s services will include health care, well water, solar energy, educational workshops, health education, vocational training, job opportunities, and more.

The mission of The World Family - Ethiopian Orphans and Medical Care is to improve the quality of health care in Ethiopia, reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS and other preventable diseases, and support comprehensive care for orphans and their communities through self-sufficient and sustainable programs. Visit [www.theworldfamily.org](http://www.theworldfamily.org) for more information. For more information about Damian and his performance at the Festival, please visit <http://harmonyfestival.com/lineup-08/damian-marley.html>

In addition, Harmony Festival and its ticketing service company, **InTicketing**, have agreed to plant one tree for each ticket sold through their association with **Trees for the Future**, which has already planted over 50 million trees worldwide. With an enduring commitment to socially conscious and green business, InTicketing's passion for music and constant innovation continues to set the standard for global awareness in business. For more information please visit [www.InTicketing.com](http://www.InTicketing.com) and [www.treesftf.org](http://www.treesftf.org).

The third benefiting charity is the **Yungchen Lhamo Foundation**. Created in 1997, the

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Foundation seeks to address the dangers faced by Tibetans in the occupied territories of Tibet and the more than 120,000 refugees who have fled across the Himalayas to other countries since 1959. The goal of the Foundation is three-tiered, with a special focus on the needs of Tibetan women: to inspire, education and sustain.

The Foundation's namesake, Yungchen Lhamo, is the singer/activist known as "the voice of Tibet". She will be performing at Harmony Festival's After Party Celebration on Sunday night, June 8. Fleeing Tibet on foot in 1989, Yungchen Lhamo has emerged as the leading Tibetan vocalist on the world stage. From the quays of Sydney, Australia to the spotlight of Carnegie Hall, her a cappella performances have enchanted audiences in more than 70 countries since she began touring professionally in 1994. A portion of the proceeds from her performance will be presented to her Foundation. For more information, please visit [www.yungchenlhamo.com](http://www.yungchenlhamo.com).

**The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Harmony Festival takes place June 6-8 at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Santa Rosa, CA.** For more information about its commitment to staying green and charitable, please visit <http://harmonyfestival.com/festival-info/greening.html>

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