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**The Harp from the Congo to Chicago:
traveling among sounds, cultures and traditions**

Piasco, Italy – “The Harp from the Congo to Chicago: traveling among sounds, cultures and traditions,” a new exhibition featuring 50 unique harps from the collection of the **Victor Salvi Museum** will open to the public on February 18, 2008. It will be on display through the end of the year. In addition to music, the collection will also highlight the art, anthropology and origins of these fine instruments. The Victor Salvi Museum, located at via Rossana 7 in Piasco (Italy), is built on top of the Salvi Harps factory – one of the world’s leading makers of fine musical instruments. It is the only museum of its kind devoted exclusively to the harp, its music, history and the art of harpmaking.

“The museum’s current exhibition illustrates the variety and styles of harps created throughout the world,” says Curator, Anna Pasetti. “Fine examples from Africa, Burma (Myanmar), South America, Europe and the United States, among other countries are included -- some date back to the 18th century. These instruments were used to create folk and “cultivated” music through the years.” The exhibit was designed by noted exhibition designer, Didier Blin.

In addition to harps, the collection features a rare harp-shaped screen, made by Lyon & Healy harpmakers in Chicago. This unusual decorative screen was created for the world famous Columbian exhibition in 1893.

The Victor Salvi Museum features a performance space, music archive and a glass-enclosed gallery overlooking the Salvi Harps factory, which allows visitors an

opportunity to observe craftsmen in the process of manufacturing new harps. Exhibitions change annually.

For more information about the current exhibit please visit the website of the Victor Salvi Museum at www.museodellharpavictorsalvi.it or call +39 0175 270510.

The museum is open from Sunday to Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm and on Saturday with advance arrangements. Guided tours and harp demonstrations are available to schools and groups.

Admission €5,00 for adults and €2,50 for children 6 to 12 years old. There is no charge for children under 5, harpists, harp class students or the disabled.

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