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**MINNESOTA ORCHESTRA**  
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**MINNESOTA ORCHESTRA HOLIDAY PRESENTATION**

**TONIC SOL-FA**  
**GREG BANNWARTH**  
**JARED DOVE**  
**SHAUN JOHNSON**  
**MARK MCGOWEN**

**Monday, December 16, 2002, 7:30 p.m./Orchestra Hall**

Tonight's program will be announced from the stage. There will be one intermission.

**profile: Tonic Sol-Fa**

Combined with their hip boy-band appearance and passionate energy, Tonic Sol-Fa has quickly established themselves as the hottest a cappella group to come out of the Midwest. Formed seven years ago while studying at Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, the four members — Mark McGowen, Greg Bannwarth, Jared Dove, and Shaun Johnson — have been hailed by the *New York Times* as “a vocal kaleidoscope...unique to the human voice.”

With four voices and a tambourine, Tonic Sol-Fa performs over two hundred shows throughout the United States, inspiring audiences of all ages. The group arranges all of its music, while also regularly performing their own original songs. Since the release of their first album in 2001, Tonic Sol-Fa has sold over 80,000 copies and can be heard on hundreds of Midwest outlets and radio stations. Their newest holiday album *Sugarue* was released in August 2002.

Among their numerous awards and distinctions, Tonic Sol-Fa was awarded “A Cappella Album of the Year” by the Contemporary Recording Association and was named one of the

top five must-see groups in America by *Campus Activities Today* magazine. A favorite at university and college campuses, the group has been nominated three times for “Entertainer of the Year” and five times for “Contemporary Artist of the Year” by the National Association of Campus Activities. Their performance collaborators include such entertainers as “Weird” Al Yankovic, Shawn Colvin, Herman's Hermits, and Lonestar.

The four young men share a common passion for singing, but not all were committed toward a career in music before joining Tonic Sol-Fa. Greg Bannwarth (Sioux Falls, South Dakota) was a biology major at South Dakota University, Brookings, before joining the group in his sophomore year, and Shaun Johnson (Algona, Iowa) graduated from Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota with a government and history major. Only Jared Dove

(Green River, Wyoming) and Mark McGowen (Sioux City, Iowa) were music majors in college, Jared at Casper College at the University of Wyoming and Mark at St. John's University in Minnesota.

