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**BARITONE MARCUS DeLOACH'S DEBUT CD TAKES AN INNOVATIVE
APPROACH TO AMERICAN SONG**

Simply titled ***American Song***, the new recording presents 23 gems from American song literature. These works run the gamut between "serious" songs from the classical repertoire – by Samuel Barber, Charles Ives, Vincent Persichetti and Aaron Copland – and equally "serious" numbers from the world of musical theater and Broadway by Frank Loesser, Leonard Bernstein, Cole Porter and Stephen Sondheim. Collaborating with pianist **Thomas Bagwell**, an assistant conductor at the Metropolitan Opera and one of America's leading accompanists for singers, the collection reflects Mr. DeLoach's unique approach to programming.

"I had been thinking about my teacher Frank Corsaro's advice, 'Be sure to program your encores.' He believed, as I have come to believe, that a singer has to act like a creative artist and compose programs that are filled with songs which move and excite the performer on a profound level. What would a program be like, I asked myself, if every song on it meant something to me personally? In gathering the material for this recording, I sought out songs in English (my language and the language of most of my audiences) that had resonance in my heart. It doesn't matter to me if a song is classical or popular. I simply want to perform great songs."

A sought-after recitalist, **Marcus DeLoach** has performed in concert at **Wigmore Hall, Alice Tully Hall, Carnegie Hall, The Hollywood Bowl**, and The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. He has appeared four times on the Marilyn Horne Foundation series, *On Wings of Song* broadcast on New York's WQXR FM radio.

Marilyn Horne has said, "Marcus and Thomas are young men of immense talent and artistry and they put in the hard work to make such a splendid and fun performance."

Marcus DeLoach regularly performs principal roles at the **New York City Opera** and recently joined the acclaimed rock group **Trans-Siberian Orchestra** for their rock opera *Christmas Eve and Other Stories* in a tour which took him to such venues as **Madison Square Garden** and the Fleet Center in Boston playing to an estimated audience of one quarter million.

American Song by **Marcus DeLoach** is available on One Soul Records. (www.onesoulrecords.com). Further information about the artist can be found at www.marcusdeloach.com.

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