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El Camino College Alumnus and American Idol Finalist Chikezie To Perform in Benefit Concert at El Camino College

El Camino College welcomes prominent alumnus and American Idol finalist Chikezie for a special concert with the ECC Chorale at 7 p.m. Nov. 2 in the college's Marsee Auditorium, 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance. Proceeds from the performance will benefit El Camino College Chorale activities.

Chikezie grew up in Inglewood and enrolled at El Camino College in Spring 2006, where he studied applied music and joined the ECC Chorale. He participated in numerous performances with the chorale, most notably on the national stage as a soloist at the famed Carnegie Hall when the El Camino College group performed there in March 2007 under the direction of Joanna Medawar Nacheff, the college's director of choral activities.

On the international scene, Chikezie also participated as a soloist with the ECC Chorale through the college's "Global Education Through Technology" program via live video performances with Notre Dame University in Lebanon. He was also featured at the "Ambassadors of Harmony" performance with the visiting Lebanese Choir and El Camino College choral groups in May 2007.

As an American Idol contestant, Chikezie participated successfully in Season 7 where he made the top 24 and then the top 12, finishing in the top 10. He won accolades from the audience and judges with renditions of hits such as "All the Woman that I Need" by Luther Vandross and The Beatles' "She's a Woman." The upcoming El Camino College performance immediately follows the completion of Chikezie's tour with American Idol.

Tickets to the benefit concert cost \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door and are available now at the El Camino College Ticket Office from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tickets are also available via the college's Charge-By-Phone system (\$1 ticket service charge). Simply call 310-329-5345 or toll-free 800-832-ARTS; Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted. Campus parking is free for this concert.

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