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THE SOUNDTRACK OF LOVE

****Twenty Most Romantic Songs Ever Written Announced****

HONOLULU (February 14, 2008) – What do Aretha Franklin, Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton, Frank Sinatra, and The Carpenters all have in common? They've all recorded versions of the Twenty Most Romantic Songs Ever Written! For the second year, more than 150 music industry experts weighed in with their votes late last year to select these timeless songs. The list covers many music genres and ranges from slow ballads to upbeat tunes. Together, these songs create the perfect soundtrack for love.

In alphabetical order, the 20 most romantic songs are:

(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman
All The Way
Always On My Mind
At Last
Fly Me To The Moon
How Do You Keep The Music Playing
I Say A Little Prayer
I Will Always Love You
I've Got A Crush On You
I've Got You Under My Skin
In The Wee Small Hours
The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face
The Very Thought Of You
The Way We Were
Till There Was You
Time After Time
Unforgettable
We've Only Just Begun
What A Wonderful World
Wind Beneath My Wings

The Most Romantic Songs Ever Written will be performed this May during the 2008 Hawaii Romance Festival, taking place in one of the world's most romantic destinations. Hosted by the Matt Catingub Orchestra of Hawaii, the 10-day event from May 2-11 will feature a series of concerts, events, and festivities dedicated to celebrating love.

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TWENTY MOST ROMANTIC SONGS EVER WRITTEN

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One of the world's most romantic couples, Nick and Nina Clooney, will host two of these incredible concerts that will highlight the Most Romantic Songs Ever Written. Joining the Clooneys for this wonderful Broadway-style show will be Tony Award-winner Brian Stokes-Mitchell, along with many of Hawaii's top singers. The concerts will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, May 7 and 8, at the historic Hawaii Theatre.

Tickets are \$25 for balcony seating; \$65 for loge seats; and \$95 for orchestra seating and prime loge seats. Tickets for the Most Romantic Songs Ever Written concerts are available through the Hawaii Theatre Box Office and online at hawaii theatre.com.

More than 150 music industry experts including songwriters, music publishers, singers, music historians and journalists selected the first 20 Most Romantic Songs Ever Written in 2006. Each year, through 2011, an additional 20 songs will be added to the list to create the definitive list of the 100 Most Romantic Songs Ever Written, from which a touring production will be developed in Hawaii and presented around the world.

The Hawaii Romance Festival is hosted by the Matt Catingub Orchestra of Hawaii and is sponsored in part by: Starwood Hotels and Resorts, the official hotel provider of the Hawaii Romance Festival; the Hawaii Tourism Authority; Pleasant Holidays; The House of Harry Winston; `Iolani Palace; KGMB-TV; and Paul Brown Salon & Spa. For more information about the 2008 Hawaii Romance Festival, visit www.HawaiiRomanceFestival.com.

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