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**Singers/Songwriters Martha Wainwright and Rufus Wainwright
named SFA Spokespersons**

Will Host Benefit Concert to Support Sarcoma Research

Damascus, MD – January 22, 2011 – The Board of Directors of the Sarcoma Foundation of America (SFA) announced today that singers/songwriters Martha and Rufus Wainwright will be the SFA Spokespersons for 2011. “We are thrilled to have such highly acclaimed and accomplished artists as Martha and Rufus Wainwright to accept this high profile role in support of the Sarcoma Foundation of America,” said Dr. Mark Thornton, the Foundation’s president.

In addition to making appearances around the country on behalf of the SFA, Martha and Rufus have recently announced plans to host two benefit concerts at the Town Hall in New York City on May 12 and May 13 in support of the SFA’s Sarcoma research programs.

The concerts will honor Martha and Rufus’ mother, Kate McGarrigle, a Canadian folk music singer/songwriter who passed away from Sarcoma in January 2010. Proceeds from the concerts will support the *Kate McGarrigle Sarcoma Research Fund* at the Sarcoma Foundation of America. Martha and Rufus will be joined onstage by such stellar musicians as Anna McGarrigle, Emmylou Harris, Jimmy Fallon, Antony Hegarty (of Antony and the Johnsons), Teddy Thompson, Justin Bond, Krystle Warren, and many more.



Martha and Rufus, who hail from a large and richly talented musical family, have been active in supporting Sarcoma research and rare cancer clinical programs since their mother was diagnosed with the disease in 2006. Individually and collectively, Martha and Rufus have made a great impact on the contemporary music scene, having achieved global accolades for their artistry, creativity and their musically intricate, high-energy performances. “Having been touched so personally by Sarcoma with the passing of our mother, Martha and I are committed to helping find the cure to this devastating disease in our lifetimes,” says Mr. Wainwright. “We are honored to be Spokespersons for this vitally important cancer research foundation and to help it fulfill its lifesaving mission.”

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About Sarcoma: Sarcoma is a rare cancer that is often forgotten when cancer research funds are allocated. Sarcoma is a cancer of the connective tissue (i.e., bones, muscles, fat, nerves and tendons) that affects approximately 12,000 Americans each year. In adults, Sarcoma represents 1 percent of all newly diagnosed cancers. It is more prevalent among young adults and children, accounting for about 15 percent of all pediatric cancers.

About the Sarcoma Foundation of America

The Sarcoma Foundation of America (SFA), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization, is an advocate for increased research to find new and better therapies with which to treat patients with Sarcoma. The organization raises money to privately fund grants for Sarcoma researchers and conducts education and advocacy efforts on behalf of Sarcoma patients. For additional information please go to the www.curesarcoma.org.