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**Girls Inc. and C'era Una Volta Celebrate
International Women's Day and National Women's History Month**

C'era Una Volta is holding a benefit to celebrate International Women's Day and raise money for Girls Incorporated of the Island City in Alameda. The free event will be from 5:30 to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, March 7 (the day before International Women's Day, which is actually on March 8), at the restaurant at 1332 Park in Alameda.

The benefit will include music by Hudson – a local singer/songwriter – poetry readings by writers including girls in Girls Inc.'s Meyers Center program, and delicious refreshments catered by C'era Una Volta. There will be a \$5.00 raffle and proceeds will go to support Girls Inc.

In addition, March is National Women's History Month and Girls Inc. is inviting people to celebrate by making a gift to the nonprofit organization in honor of or remembrance of a special woman or girl in their lives. Honored women and girls can receive a special card letting them know that money has been donated in their honor and their name can also be displayed at Girls Inc.'s Women Who Dare Benefit in May. Gifts of any amount are accepted and can be made at levels that coincide with the anniversaries of accomplishments of great historical women.

For more information, call Development Director Kristin Butler at (510) 521-1743, e-mail her at kbutler@girlsincislandcity.org, or visit www.girlsincislandcity.org.

Girls Incorporated of the Island City is an affiliate of the national organization Girls Inc. Since 1964, Girls Inc. of the Island City has provided the only program in Alameda designed specifically for girls at the Meyers Center, a girls membership program, where girls are challenged to explore science, math and computers, examine how money is earned and invested, and to ask questions about and take leadership roles in the world. Girls Inc. also offer childcare for both girls and boys at seven elementary schools around Alameda, including Bay Farm, Earhart, Edison, Franklin, Lum, Otis, and Paden. For more information about Girls Inc., call (510) 521-1743 or visit our website at www.girlsincislandcity.org.

The mission of Girls Incorporated of the Island City is to inspire all girls to be **strong, smart and bold^(SM)** through innovative programs, activities and advocacy.