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## **Ring of Fire Selected by ABC News to File Video Phone Reports Throughout the Inauguration.**

**- Video Reports can be shared with all networks through email -**

Ring of Fire has been selected by ABC News Now to bring viewers first-hand accounts from the Inaugural parade Thursday, January 20, 2005 utilizing Sprint's innovative Video Mail technology. ROF has been asked to file reports from the Pentagon staging area for the parade, live reports from the float as they travel down Pennsylvania Avenue, and later that evening as they play at the Constitution Inaugural Ball. The ROF musicians are excited about filing their own network broadcast reports of their historic adventures at the Inauguration.

Starting at 8:00 am EST on Inauguration Day, Sam Donaldson and Michel Martin will anchor live coverage for ABC News Now from Washington DC and New York. Coverage will include the swearing-in ceremony, the parade down Pennsylvania Avenue, and the Inaugural balls.

Ring of Fire has been given permission to share their video emails with all networks interested in video phone content throughout the day of the Inauguration. On January 20, Ring of Fire will be arriving at the Pentagon Staging Area at 7 am, performing in the Inaugural Parade at 3 pm, and playing at the Constitution Inaugural Ball at the Washington Hilton at 7 pm. Video reports will be filed by the youth several times each hour throughout the day.

This collaboration between ABC News Now, Sprint, and the few Inauguration participants selected like Ring of Fire, marks the first time Sprint's Video Mail technology will be used to transmit video specifically for network news programming.

Please contact Jason Wells at 503.312.7166 with your network email address if you'd like video reports to use in your coverage of this exciting opportunity for Oregon youth,

### ***About ABC News Now***

ABC News Now is the first 24/7 news network built for digital distribution via digital cable, digital television, broadband, and wireless. It is available to ABC affiliates as well as over 50 million internet users.

### ***About Ring of Fire***

Ring of Fire is a group of thirteen musicians ages 14 –17 who perform on 62 handbells. The group is an independent organization based in Hillsboro, Oregon and is directed by its founder, Jason Wells.

Since its beginning 8 years ago, Ring of Fire has performed in 33 states, 6 countries, and with many national artists and musical organizations including the Oregon Symphony and recently with the Boston Pops in Symphony Hall.

Ring of Fire's name comes from both the geography of the Northwest from which they proudly come and from the unique fiery brand of handbell ringing they bring to the art.

*For more information, please visit the following sites:*

**ABC News Now:**

<http://www.abcnewsnow.com>

**The official website of the 55<sup>th</sup> Inaugural:**

<http://www.inaugural05.com>

**Ring of Fire's Inaugural 2005 Website:**

<http://www.rof.org/news/inauguration05/>

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