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MEDIA ADVISORY

Special Grandstand Ticket Package Available for Metro Red Line Travelers

CAROLERS PREVIEW HOLLYWOOD CHRISTMAS PARADE'S TINSELTOWN STAGE ENTERTAINMENT FOR COMMUTERS ABOARD METRO RED LINE

WHAT: Fa la la la la, and away we go…. Metro Red Line subway passengers will get a sneak preview of the live performances along the route of the 69th Annual Hollywood Christmas Parade as the Apollo West Gospel Trio and Children's Choir leads passengers in traditional holiday carols. Ranging in age from 5 to adult, the performers (clad in festive attire and red bow ties) will make the 30-minute round trip on the Metro Red Line from the Hollywood/Vine Station to the North Hollywood Station. The group is one of ten ensembles performing live at Tinseltown Stages for spectators along the two-mile parade route.

For San Fernando Valley residents, traveling to the parade has never been easier thanks to the opening earlier this year of the subway's North Hollywood extension. A special ticket package will be available to all Red Line riders for $20, which includes grandstand seating located conveniently near the Metro Red Line's Hollywood/Vine station, a celebrity souvenir program and round trip fare aboard the Metro Rail and Bus Systems.

This year's Hollywood Christmas Parade takes place Sunday, November 26, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Metro Red Line makes two stops along the Parade route at Hollywood/Highland & Hollywood/Vine.

WHO: Apollo West Gospel Trio and Children's Christmas Choir

WHEN: 8 a.m., Tuesday, November 14, 2000

WHERE: **Platform Level, Metro Red Line Hollywood/Vine Station,** corner of Hollywood Boulevard and Argyle Avenue. Media wishing to join the event en route can meet the carolers at the North Hollywood Station at approximately 8:15 a.m. for the return trip to Hollywood/Vine.

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