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**EDUCATOR AND COMPOSER AARON STERN TO DELIVER  
TAI SOPHIA INSTITUTE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS JUNE 4**

**LAUREL, Md. (May 20, 2008)** – A commencement ceremony for new graduates of Tai Sophia Institute will take place Wednesday, June 4, 2008 beginning at 7 pm at the Jim Rouse Theatre of Wilde Lake High School, located at 5460 Trumpeter Road in Columbia, Maryland. Graduate degrees will be awarded to a total of 51 recipients at the commencement ceremony, including 31 in Acupuncture, 12 in Herbal Medicine, and 8 in Applied Healing Arts.

Aaron Stern, director and founder of the Academy for the Love of Learning in Santa Fe, New Mexico, will deliver the commencement address, entitled "What If?"

Stern currently serves as President of the Board of the Academy for the Love of Learning, where he designed the core curriculum and directs its facilitation team. He is a composer, performer, educator and former dean of the American Conservatory of Music. He consults with educational, arts, spiritual and social-change organizations and communities worldwide. He is also trained as a transpersonal therapist. The Academy for the Love of Learning was birthed from an intense ten-year collaboration between Academy President Aaron Stern and his mentor, Leonard Bernstein.

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The graduation ceremony is open to the public. For information and reservations, call 410-888-9048, ext. 6620.

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**ABOUT TAI SOPHIA INSTITUTE**

Tai Sophia Institute is the preeminent institution for wellness-based education, client care, and public policy discourse. Founded in 1975 as a small healing arts clinic, the Institute has evolved into a diverse resource providing graduate academic programs, continuing education, community wellness programs, and clinical services in acupuncture and herbal medicine. Its 12-acre main campus also houses a bookstore, library, herb and meditation gardens. Tai Sophia is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and offers three graduate degrees in Acupuncture, Herbal Medicine, and Applied Healing Arts. The Master of Acupuncture program was the first in the United States to be accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. The Institute's faculty, staff and students donate more than 15,000 community services hours to a variety of projects, and its practitioners provide more than 35,500 treatments and consultations yearly. The Institute empowers wellness leaders, business executives and communities to learn the art of caring for and serving one another.

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