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Heartland Chamber Chorale Performs Handel's *Messiah*

December 1, 2008 – Fort Wayne, IN. The Heartland Chamber Chorale will perform Georg Friedrich Handel's famous oratorio *Messiah* with members of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic.

Sunday December 14, 2008 @ 4:00PM (pre-concert reception at 3:00PM)

Monday December 15, 2008 @ 7:30PM (pre concert reception at 6:30PM)

Pre-concert reception to feature a brief art historical presentation on the Images of Messiah.

CONCERT VENUE: Plymouth Congregational Church – 501 West Berry Street – Fort Wayne

This presentation of *Messiah* is performed in a manner typical of Handel's day, featuring chamber choir and orchestra with soloists from the chorus. Tempi are lighter and vocal demands on the singer are no less than virtuosic. The oratorio will be performed with one intermission; duration of the concert is approximately 2 hours.

A pre-concert reception will be held in the Folsom Room at Plymouth Congregational Church one hour prior to performance. The reception will also feature a brief program on historical images and iconography of the Messiah prepared by University of Saint Francis art historian Esperanca Camara. Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be served. There is no extra charge for this reception.

The Heartland Chamber Chorale is an independent, professional vocal ensemble-in-residence on the campus of the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne, Indiana. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 260.436.8080 or the HCC website: www.heartlandchorale.org.

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Now presenting outstanding vocal music performances in its 12th season, the 26-member Heartland Chamber Chorale is Northern Indiana's only professional chorus. Founded by Artistic Director Robert Nance, the Heartland Chamber Chorale performs in and around Fort Wayne throughout the year. The HCC also engages promising young vocalists through educational outreach programs like our *Side-by-Side in Song* and *Project Sing!* initiatives. The purpose of the Heartland Chamber Chorale is to perform high quality choral chamber music to enrich audiences in the Fort Wayne community, Northeast Indiana, and beyond, with a goal to serve as a professional resource to the community for matters pertaining to the art of chamber vocal music.

The Heartland Chamber Chorale is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and is funded in part through gifts from Arts United (a local agency), the Indiana Arts Commission (a state agency), and the National Endowment for the Arts (a federal agency). Additional funding is provided by HCC Member-Supporters, the English Bonter Mitchell Foundation, Target Foundation, the Wilson Foundation, and the Lincoln Financial Group Foundation. For additional information and a current schedule of concerts, please visit www.heartlandchorale.org or call the HCC office at 260-436-8080.

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