

# Heartland Sings for You

**PRESS RELEASE**

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*Maestro Robert Nance leads the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Orchestra,  
the Philharmonic Chorus, and the Heartland Chamber Chorale*

## **G. F. Händel: *The Messiah***

**Friday December 18, 2009 at 8:00PM**

Auer Performance Hall • IPFW Rhinehart Music Building

**December 2, 2009 – Fort Wayne.** The Fort Wayne Philharmonic presents Händel's oratorio *The Messiah* in concert performance on Friday December 18 at 8:00 pm in the Auer Performance Hall in the Rhinehart Music building on the campus of IPFW. This performance is under the direction of Maestro Robert Nance, chorus director for the FW Philharmonic. The chorus is made up of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and members of the Heartland Chamber Chorale. Maestro Nance is also the founding artistic director of the Chorale. The performance will be conducted from memory by Maestro Nance.

This performance features soloists of international reputation and experience: soprano Denise Ritter, alto Lexa Ferrill, tenor Don Bernardini, and bass Ryan DeRyke.

For more information and to purchase tickets, call the Philharmonic Box Office at **260.481.0777** log on to **www.fwphil.org**.

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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.

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 grants from Arts United (a local agency), the Indiana Arts Commission (a state agency), and the National Endowment for the Arts (a federal agency). For additional information, including current performance schedule, please visit our website at [www.heartlandchorale.org](http://www.heartlandchorale.org) or call the HCC office at 260.436.8080.



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