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Heartland Chamber Chorale Announces First-ever Heartland Festival Chorus

August 9, 2010 – Fort Wayne. The Singers of the Heartland Chamber Chorale and Maestro Robert Nance invite area choristers to join them to form the first Heartland Festival Chorus for a December 12, 2010 performance of Georg Fredrich Händel's *The Messiah*.

Auditions for singers will take place at Plymouth Congregational Church, 501 West Berry, Fort Wayne on August 30, 31, and September 1 starting at 5PM each day. Your five-minute audition includes simple vocalizations to assess range & voice part, plus excerpts from choruses in Messiah to assess vocal ability & experience with the music. Auditions may be scheduled via the website at www.heartlandchorale.org or by calling the office at 260.436.8080.

The performance will take place in Auer Performance Hall at the Rhinehart Music Center on the campus of IPFW. The performance will feature the Heartland Festival Chorus and the Fort Wayne Philharmonic in a presentation of the complete work on Sunday, December 12, 2010 at 7:00PM.

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Festival Chorus Schedule:

Chorus Auditions: August 30, 31, and September 1, 2010: 5:00-9:00PM each day. (Plymouth Congregational Church)

Chorus Rehearsals: November 2, 9, 16, 23 from 7:00 to 9:30 PM. (Plymouth Congregational Church)

Dress Rehearsals: December 6 @ 7:00PM & December 11 @ 10:00AM (Auer Performance Hall, IPFW Rhinehart Music Center)

Performance: December 12 @ 7:00 PM (Call time is 6:00 PM) (Auer Performance Hall, IPFW Rhinehart Music Center)

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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 14th 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). 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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