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Heartland's Educational Initiative Everybody Sing!

February 3, 2012– Fort Wayne, IN. This 2011-2012 season, Heartland has launched a new program called Everybody Sing, a derivative of the Side-by-Side program as an avenue to bring choral music to elementary and middle school students. The presentation brings a small ensemble of Heartland singers into a classroom to sing and teach and emphasizes music as a language of communication, aligning with four of the Indiana State Standards for music. It allows students to interact with the singers by discussing the music with the singers and singing along with musical numbers while adding rhythmic accompaniments.

During the second week of February, a small ensemble from Heartland will visit two local schools: Ascension Lutheran School on Thursday, February 9th (1:30 pm) and East Allen County Schools' Woodlan Primary School on Friday, February 10th (1:45 pm).

Singers engaged in this educational endeavor are (sopranos) Cathie Kreigh, Jessica Dodson, Janice Furtner, (altos) Ann Rettenmaier, Tess Stachofsky, (tenors) Fernando Tarango, Alin Cass, (basses) Phil Slane and Eric Miller.

For more information about Heartland, visit www.heartlandchorale.org or call the Heartland office at 260-436-8080

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Now presenting outstanding vocal music performances in its fifteenth 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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