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HCC Side by Side Students Gain Professional Experience

July 20, 2007 – Fort Wayne, IN. Heartland Chamber Chorale's *Side by Side* students continued to develop their professional performances through participation in the HCC's *Summer Sampler Series* in mid-July. These concerts – held on three consecutive evening beginning July 17 – included a wide range of repertoire. High school students Katherine DeRosa, Dylan Schatko, Leyla Mansour-Cole, and Brandon Knueve added to their list of paid engagements as they sang *Side by Side* with the professional singers of the Heartland Chamber Chorale. Selected by open audition, these students worked with the Chorale throughout the 2006-07 Ten Year Anniversary season. All of the young vocalists are fine examples of the quality of students being trained by high school music programs and local vocal teachers.

The Heartland Chamber Chorale is now auditioning vocal students to participate in the Side by Side program for the 2007-08 Concert Season. Don't miss this opportunity to encourage young singers to rehearse and perform with dedicated adults and professional leadership. Call 260.436.8080 and arrange an audition today!

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Now presenting outstanding vocal music performances in its eleventh season, the 26-member Heartland Chamber Chorale is Northern Indiana's only professional chorus. Founded by music and executive 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.

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