



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Fort Wayne Favorite, Kishna Davis sings with Heartland**

Puccini's one-act opera *Suor Angelica* will be sung in English with Miss Davis and the Heartland Women on November 4, 2007

October 4, 2007 – Fort Wayne, IN. The story of Sister Angelica (portrayed by Kishna Davis) and the members of her convent (portrayed by the Women of Heartland Chamber Chorale) is Puccini's tender portrait of a woman devoted to God yet eager for news of her family. Kishna Davis, a frequent guest artist in Fort Wayne, joins Heartland for its first opera production. The concert which begins at 4 pm, will be preceded by a lecture on Puccini's motivation for the opera which is part of a trilogy of one-act operas known as *Il Trittico*. Betty Stein, newspaper columnist and educator, will be providing helpful background information to add to your enjoyment of the production at 3 pm in the sanctuary prior to the concert. This is beautiful music, easily accessible and emotionally satisfying

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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 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.

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