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Fort Wayne Jewish Federation and Heartland Chamber Chorale announce two special events observing Yom HaShoah, the annual commemoration of the Holocaust

April 27, 2008 @ 4 PM: HCC Commemoration Concert

May 1, 2008 @ 7 PM: Yom HaShoah Commemoration Service

Original composition by Robert Nance, commissioned by the Jewish Federation,
to be performed at both events

April 15, 2008 – Fort Wayne, IN. On April 27, 2008 at 4PM, First Wayne Street United Methodist Church, Heartland Chamber Chorale will present a Yom HaShoah commemoration concert. This program will include a dramatic work entitled "A Holocaust Cantata: Songs from the Camps" by Don McCollough, and feature a new composition commissioned by the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation, written by Robert Nance and sung by the Heartland Chamber Chorale. Mr. Nance's composition sets to music the words of a poem by Charlie Savage, winner of the Federation's poetry contest. Mr. Savage is a Fort Wayne native, graduate of North Side High School and 2007 Pulitzer Prize winner. This concert is sponsored in part by the Dr. Louis A. & Anne B. Schneider Foundation, and is free to the public. A free-will offering to benefit the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation educational programming.

Later that week, on May 1, 2008 at 7PM, the Jewish Federation will sponsor a community Yom HaShoah Commemoration service at Temple Achduth Vesholom, 5200 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne. This program will feature Heartland Chamber Chorale, under the direction of Robert Nance repeating his new composition with Mr. Savage reading his words. This program is free and open to the public. Mr. Nance expressed his gratitude to the Federation for this commission. "I have been profoundly moved each time I have conducted music relating to the experience of the Holocaust and to be asked to participate with my own composition is a great honor." Mr. Nance is also the director of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Chorus, director of music at Plymouth Congregational Church and organist/choir director at Temple Achduth Vesholom. He won the Bicentennial Hymn competition conducted during Fort Wayne's Bicentennial Celebration.

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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.

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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