



PRESS RELEASE

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Heartland Sings Press Conference Giving back to the Fort Wayne Community

December 5, 2011 Fort Wayne, IN – Heartland held a press conference with interview and photo opportunities for all media outlets in northeast Indiana at the University of Saint Francis North Campus Auditorium on Monday, December 5 at 12 noon. Heartland presented a \$1500 donation to the Red Cross of Northeast Indiana, proceeds which were a result of Heartland’s 9/11 Commemoration Concert. A United States flag that was flown over Washington D.C. on 9/11, gifted to Heartland from Congressman Marlin Stutzman’s office, was presented to the University of Saint Francis. The flag will be flown over the Fort Wayne campus of the University of Saint Francis. Present at the press conference were Artistic Director Maestro Robert Nance, members of Heartland’s staff, Board of Directors, and singers, Kay Ostrum (Executive Director of the Red Cross), Katrina Boedeker (Director of the USF Center for Service Engagement), Trois Hart (Director of Marketing for USF), and Jeff Rodgers (Music Technology Chair at USF).

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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 Bontier 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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