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The Heartland Chamber Chorale Presents

A Lincoln Celebration

Voices of Lincoln's America

January 23, 2009 – Fort Wayne. *Heartland Sings: A Lincoln Celebration* is a multimedia concert event on **Sunday February 8, 2009 at 4:00PM** at the Arts United Center in downtown Fort Wayne. This program features performances of popular songs, marches, and dances designed to return you to the days of the 1860's. Hear, see, and experience what President Lincoln – and the entire country – listened to during this period in our history. Researched from the archives of the former Lincoln Museum in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the music, words, dance, and costumes provide a glimpse of the social and political issues of the day.

Joining the Heartland Chamber Chorale in this creative musical-theatrical presentation are members of the Fort Wayne Ballet, the Fort Wayne Children's Choir, Civic Theatre, and the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, with support from the University of Saint Francis School of Creative Arts, IPFW, Arts United Center and Northeast Indiana Public Radio. This event promises to be an exciting experience for the whole family. Be a part of this celebration of the life and times of President Abraham Lincoln. Join in the 200th birthday celebration of one of our greatest presidents.

This program is presented with special support from a generous anonymous donor, the Rolland Foundation, the Friends of the Lincoln Collection, the Indiana Arts Commission, Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne and the Heartland Chamber Chorale Family of Member Supporters. Further information is available online at www.HeartlandChorale.org or by calling the HCC Box Office at 260.436.8080.

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The Heartland Chamber Chorale is an independent, professional vocal ensemble-in-residence on the campus of the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Now presenting outstanding vocal music performances in its 12th 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). 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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