

Heartland Sings for You

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Professional Vocal Ensemble performs Side by Side with **EACS 2009 Choral Festival**

December 1, 2009 – Fort Wayne. Members of the Heartland Chamber Chorale, Northeast Indiana's professional vocal ensemble, performed in concert side by side with student choristers from East Allen County Schools on November 22 at Plymouth Congregational Church in downtown Fort Wayne. Under the direction of HCC artistic director Maestro Robert Nance, professional and student vocalists prepared together to perform classical and contemporary selections. Titles included Gabriel Faure's *Requiem* and *Cantique de Jean Racine*, spiritual *Ride on King Jesus*, and a new composition by Alex Shapiro entitled *Celebrate*. Approximately 70 students and 24 professional singers were joined by several area professional instrumentalists, including pianist Alexander Klepach, violinist Olga Yurkova, harpist Ann Lewellen, and organist Michael Hollman.

Every year, the Heartland Chamber Chorale performs Side by Side with area choirs as part of their comprehensive musical education outreach. The HCC adopts area high school or university choirs to prepare several special concerts as part of annual school choral programs. The HCC also auditions individual student singers for participation with members of the Chorale in one of their regular subscription concert programs. For more information about the HCC's educational outreach, contact 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 grants 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, including current performance schedule, please visit our website at www.heartlandchorale.org or call the HCC office at 260.436.8080.

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