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Heartland Presents Awards and Scholarships Continually supporting music and music education

On Thursday, June 9, 2011, the Heartland Chamber Chorale (HCC) held its annual meeting on the North Campus of the University of Saint Francis. Singers, member-supporters, and board members gathered together to share in Heartland's successes. Maestro Robert Nance, HCC's Artistic and Executive Director, presented the awards. The Golden Baton Award, an award given the past six seasons, is given to a member-supporter who has gone above and beyond to support HCC. The recipient of this year's Golden Baton was board member Russ Eplett, who has underwritten several performances and has dedicated many hours helping HCC behind the scenes.

A new award, the Adsit Achievement Award, was announced. Named after member-supporter, Patricia Adsit, the Adsit Achievement Award is a \$250 scholarship given to an outstanding side-by-side student who shows promise in music. This year's Adsit award was given to Kirsten Overdahl who started a chamber ensemble at Homestead High School and will be attending St. Olaf College in the fall. Patricia Adsit has consistently supported HCC's education, music education, and side-by-side program.

Scholarships were also given to the music departments of Indiana University Purdue University of Fort Wayne, the University of St. Francis, the Fort Wayne Children's Choir, and Homestead High School's Chamber Ensemble.

HCC's Volunteer Service Award was presented to Mary Jo Meyer and Fran Page, HCC's office staff members, who volunteer time out of the office to support HCC behind the scenes. The award includes a dinner prepared by Maestro Nance.

Maestro Nance presented Community Service Donations from funds raised at HCC concerts this season to the Associated Churches Food Bank, and Community Harvest Food Bank.

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Now presenting outstanding vocal music performances in its 14th 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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The Heartland Chamber Chorale is an independent non-profit 501(c)(3) performing arts organization-in-residence on the campus of the University of Saint Francis.