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Heartland's Director to Conduct Handel's *Messiah* Fort Wayne Philharmonic and Chorus

December 14, 2011– Fort Wayne, IN. – The Fort Wayne Philharmonic & Chorus presents the *Messiah* by G. F. Handel with Heartland's Artistic Director, Robert Nance conducting. Special guests are Denise Ritter Bernardini, soprano, Rebekah Ambrosini, alto, Don Bernardini, tenor, and Ryan De Ryke, bass. Performances are Wednesday, December 14 - 7 p.m. and Thursday, December 15 - 7 p.m. at Auer Performance Hall, Rhinehart Music Center on the campus of IPFW.

This holiday tradition is not to be missed - tickets can be obtained for as little as \$10 at the website: www.FWPhil.org. The chorus, orchestra and soloists are outstanding! If you want a chance to appear on live television, be in the audience on Thursday, Dec 15 - this concert will be broadcast LIVE on WFWA, PBS 39 here in Fort Wayne.

For more information, call the Fort Wayne Philharmonic box office at 260-481-0777.

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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.

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