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Heartland Auditions Searching For Side-by-Side Students

January 30, 2012– Fort Wayne, IN. Heartland Sings is seeking high school students who are dedicated musicians wanting the opportunity to sing with professionals and learn more about the careers choral music can provide. Applications for the Side-by-Side program, giving high school students a chance to work side-by-side with a professional mentor are available online at www.heartlandchorale.org.

Auditions will be held in February with Heartland's artistic staff. This educational program includes weekly rehearsals, individual coaching, and a concert appearance in Heartland's March program, "Heartland Sings: American Composers." There is no cost to students and the selected students will be paid to sing. For more information or to download an audition form, visit Heartland's website or call the Heartland office at 260-436-8080.

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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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