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SINGERS INVITED TO PERFORM IN BETHANY COLLEGE'S "MESSIAH"

LINDSBORG, Kan.—Singers of all voice ranges are invited to join the chorus for Bethany College's Messiah Festival of the Arts beginning in March.

The Bethany Oratorio Society chorus will perform Handel's "Messiah" on Palm and Easter Sundays, March 28 and April 4, at 3 p.m. "St. Matthew Passion" will be presented on Good Friday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m.

The first rehearsal will take place Sunday, January 31, at 3 p.m. in Presser Hall, followed by a reception. Regular rehearsals will be each Tuesday from 7 – 9 p.m. and Sundays from 3 – 5 p.m.

For more information, contact the Bethany College Department of Music at (785) 227-3380, ext. 8235.

Singers should be 16 years old by April 1 to be eligible to join. New singer auditions to determine pitch retention and voice part will take place one hour before the first four rehearsals. No prepared song is necessary.

To purchase or reserve tickets for Bethany College's performances of Handel's "Messiah" and Bach's "St. Matthew Passion", call Bethany's Messiah Manager at (785) 227-3380, ext. 8132, or e-mail ashs@bethanylb.edu. Special rates are available for students, churches and tour groups. Tickets can also be purchased online or in person at Presser Hall Box Office on Bethany's campus, open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

For a full listing of special events and exhibits during the Messiah Festival of the Arts, visit www.bethanylb.edu/messiah.

Every year since 1882, the Bethany Oratorio Society has presented "Messiah" at the college. The society has performed "Messiah" across the plains, in Carnegie Hall and on national television. For more information about the Messiah Festival, call (785) 227-3380, ext. 8132.

Bethany College, established by Swedish Lutheran immigrants in 1881, is a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The mission of Bethany College is to educate, develop and challenge individuals to reach for truth and excellence as they lead lives of faith, learning and service. Bethany College is on the Web at www.bethanylb.edu.