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BETHANY "MESSIAH" TICKETS ON SALE DEC. 1

LINDSBORG, Kan.—Tickets for Bethany College's annual performances of Handel's "Messiah" and Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" will go on sale Dec. 1.

Handel's "Messiah" will be presented 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.

Tickets to the "Messiah" performances are \$20, \$14 and \$9; tickets to "St. Matthew Passion" are \$12, \$9 and \$5.

Special rates are available for students, seniors, churches and tour groups. For "Messiah," groups of 20 or more will receive the \$20/tickets for \$14 and the \$14/seat tickets for \$8. Groups of at least 15 will receive the \$20/seat tickets for \$16 and the \$14/seat tickets for \$10. For "St. Matthew Passion," groups of 20 or more will receive the \$12 ticket for \$10 and the \$8 ticket for \$7. Groups of at least 15 will receive the \$12 ticket for \$10 and the \$9 ticket for \$8.

Music, art or theatre students are invited to attend the oratorio performances free of charge. Immediate family members may attend for \$5.

To purchase or reserve tickets, call Bethany's Messiah Manager at (785) 227-3380, ext. 8132, or e-mail ashs@bethanylb.edu. Tickets may also be purchased 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.