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# Merry Christmas



# CHORUS LINES

Winter 2009

The fall concert was a tremendous success! Thanks to all the singers, board members, office staff, and volunteers for making this event so special. I would also like to personally thank our underwriters for the concert, without whom this could not have been possible. The fact that these singers believe so much in Masterworks and wanted to ensure its success this fall is a testament to the longevity of this organization. Masterworks Chorale has been a significant part of the arts community in East Central Indiana for over thirty years because of the strong commitment of its singers, and it will continue to provide meaningful musical experiences for many years to come. Thank you so much for generously supporting Masterworks!

I am very pleased to welcome Kathleen Hacker as our guest artist for our Christmas concert, entitled "Rejoice Greatly." The concert will feature many familiar carols and holiday selections, including portions from Handel's *Messiah*. I first met Dr. Hacker in August of 1998 as a very green high school graduate. I had little notion of what it meant to be a professional musician, and becoming a conductor was not even a blip on my radar. She quickly became an important mentor in my life. She helped network me into the musical community and encouraged me to pursue graduate study. When the opportunity arose, she brought me back to my alma mater to teach voice. I am forever grateful to her for helping me begin my career, and for continuing to mentor me through the highs and lows of the music profession. Dr. Hacker is a soprano of worldwide acclaim, having soloed with symphonies and opera houses as far away as Shanghai. She is currently serving as the music department chairperson at the University of Indianapolis. It is a personal joy for me to have her as a part of our Christmas celebration.

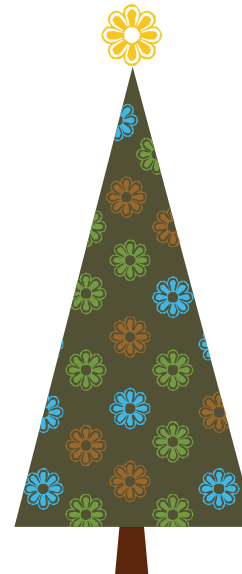
The holiday season is a wonderful time to celebrate the gift of music. Susan and I wish all of you blessed Christmas and a very happy New Year!

Daniel Blosser  
Artistic Director

## Special Guest



**Dr. Kathleen Hacker**, soprano, is Chair of the Music Department, Director of Vocal Studies and Associate Professor of Music at the University of Indianapolis. In addition to her duties at the University, she pursues a very active singing career around the country. She made her New York debut as soloist with the American Symphony Orchestra at Alice Tully Hall and has sung with major symphony orchestras around the United States including the symphonies of Baltimore, Detroit, Pittsburgh and Indianapolis, where she appeared as cover for Sandi Patty as the featured guest artist in their *Indianapolis Symphony Yuletide Celebration*.





## Masterworks Chorale Fund

There is now an established, designated Masterworks Chorale endowment fund in the Community Foundation. Its purpose is to provide support for the charitable and educational purposes of Masterworks Chorale. This is a big step toward providing on-going, stable, long-term support for chorale music in East Central Indiana. Many of you are aware of the benefits of contributing to various designated endowment funds in the Community Foundation's care, not the least of which is the assurance that your contribution will continue to provide for the needs of such organizations in perpetuity. As with all non-profit organizations, we cherish every contribution of any kind from our friends and members, including those for current operating expenses. This new opportunity adds another way to support our activities.

Thank you for your continuing support and patronage. See you in the Christmas concert audience on December 20!

J. Paul Mitchell  
President

## 2nd Annual Outreach Concert

Last year Masterworks Chorale collaborated with Winchester High School to host a combined choir concert on March 1 in the high school's auditorium. Both groups sang several pieces by themselves, and then all singers joined forces for a rousing rendition of "River in Judea." For 2010 we are planning to expand this outreach concert to include Winchester as well as another high school in Randolph County. Our goal is to encourage fine choral singing in East Central Indiana. A bonus for the students is that they get to work with our talented artistic director, Dan Blosser. We are hoping for a large turnout of area residents to enjoy our combined choir concert!

Ann Wolfe  
Outreach and Education Committee Chair

## Fall Concert

We would like to thank those who attended our fall concert, Psalms, Hymns and Spirituals. It was an uplifting evening filled with wonderful music and good friends. The reception following the concert was well received and remember, this is a great way to meet our Artistic Director, Daniel Blosser and the rest of Masterworks Chorale. We look forward to seeing all of you at our Christmas Concert.

## WBST

We would like to thank everyone who called in to pledge a donation to IPR while Masterworks members were manning the phones during the Fall pledge drive. We would also like to thank Masterworks members Paul Mitchell, Sue Sponseller, Mary Johnson Robey, Ann Wolfe, and Ann Siverly for volunteering.

## WIPB

Thank you to Masterworks volunteers Paul Mitchell, Sue Sponseller, Ann Holzer, Karen Bartling, Jan Stratton, and Ruth Smith; who manned the phones during a portion of WIPB's Fall Telesale. We would also like to thank everyone who called in a pledge to support WIPB during that time.

## Upcoming Events

Sunday December 6, 2009

Muncie Community Christmas Sing  
3:00pm Muncie Fieldhouse  
free admission

Sunday December 20, 2009

Rejoice Greatly!  
special guest Kathleen Hacker, soprano  
6:00pm First Presbyterian Church  
Senior \$10 Adult \$12  
Students & Children Free

