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Choral Society of NEPA Seeks New Adult Members:

Spring to feature Classic American Hymns

and Brahms's German Requiem with NEPA Philharmonic

Northeastern Counties, PA: The Symphonic Chorus of the **Choral Society of Northeast Pennsylvania**, under the direction of Dr. Alan Baker, **is now accepting new members for spring 2012**. Highlights will include an April 27th performance of Johannes Brahms's immortal *German Requiem* with Maestro Lawrence Loh and the NEPA Philharmonic at the Scranton Cultural Center, and a program celebrating the rich heritage of *American Folk Hymns* which will be offered on March 31st at the Scranton Cultural Center and on April 1st at St. Stephen's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre. The Society's auditioned adult chamber choir, the Choral Artists of NEPA, will also sing Handel's *Funeral Anthem for Queen Caroline* and J. S. Bach's *Jesu, meine Freude* on May 12th at St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Scranton. The Symphonic Chorus season will also appear as guest performers on May 5th with the Wyoming County Chorale in Tunkhannock as part of that organization's 20th anniversary celebrations.

Guided by the mottos, "Artistry through Opportunity" and "Excellence through Education," membership is open to any interested adult singer with semester tuition of \$75.00, which includes 3 complimentary tickets – valued at \$45.00 – to any Society-produced program.

Singers also purchase and retain their own musical scores. Current college/university students may participate tuition-free with their purchase of the music. **Rehearsals begin on Monday, January 23rd and are held each Monday evening from 6:30-9:00 pm at the Langcliffe Presbyterian Church in Avoca.** The church is centrally located between Scranton and Wilkes-Barre and easily accessed from Interstate 81. To receive additional information, including directions, please contact the Choral Society at 343-6707, visit their website at www.choralsociety.net, or simply attend a Monday evening rehearsal.

Formed in 1999 through the merger of the former Singers Guild of Scranton and the Wyoming Valley Oratorio Society, the 70-voice Symphonic Chorus performs not only the masterpieces of the choral-orchestral repertoire, but the most recent of contemporary western and world music. The chorus has collaborated regularly with the NEPA Philharmonic in the orchestra's popular "Home for the Holidays" concerts, as well as in other choral/orchestral masterworks, including recent performances of Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony*, Mozart's *Requiem*, and Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*. The Chorus is also heard in regional broadcasts on WVIA-FM, and has appeared in a variety of national-touring shows – including pop/country icon Kenny Rodgers and *Star Wars in Concert* – at the Mohegan Sun Arena.

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