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THE LOUISVILLE ORCHESTRA PRESENTS
HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Kent Hatteberg, conductor + chorumaster • Louisville Chamber Choir
Erin Keeseey, soprano • Katherine Calcamuggio Donner, mezzo-soprano
Jesse Donner, tenor • Chad Sloan, baritone

Louisville, KY (10.25.2017)...For the third consecutive season, the Louisville Orchestra led by Dr. Kent E. Hatteberg will present Handel's *Messiah* in several locations throughout the community this holiday season. On **Thursday, November 30 at 7:30PM**, the traditional Christmas selections of the work will be performed at the **Cathedral of the Assumption** in the heart of the city on South Fifth Street. A second performance will be held at **Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church** in St. Matthews on **Friday, December 1 at 7:30PM**. For the third performance on **Saturday, December 2 at 7:30PM**, the Louisville Orchestra will travel to Southern Indiana to perform at **Floyd Central High School** and the final presentation will be in the Highlands at **St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church** on Sunday, December 3 at 3PM.

University Of Louisville's Kent Hatteberg leads the LO, the Louisville Chamber Choir, and a quartet of talented soloists in the seasonal classic that has inspired music lovers around the world.

General Admission tickets are \$35 and are available by calling 502.584.7777 or online at LouisvilleOrchestra.org. Tickets will also be available at the door one-hour prior to each performance where cash or check will be preferred.

THUR 11.30.17 at 7:30PM Cathedral of the Assumption 433 S. 5th St. #101, Louisville, KY 40202
FRI 12.1.17 at 7:30PM Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church 311 Browns Ln, St. Matthews, KY 40207
SAT 12.2.17 at 7:30PM Floyd Central High School 6575 Old Vincennes Rd, Floyds Knobs, IN 47119
SUN 12.3.17 at 3PM St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church 1960 Bardstown Rd, Louisville, KY 40205

One of the most renowned pieces of English sacred music, Handel's *Messiah* has been performed across the world for more than 250 years. Composed in only three weeks, the work has undergone numerous revisions and re-orchestrations since its premiere performance in 1742. The work focuses on the central beliefs of Christianity from the Old Testament prophecies of the coming of the Messiah to the New Testament Gospel stories of the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Originally associated with Easter, *Messiah* has become a Christmas tradition with selected sections performed.

Composer George Frideric Handel personally conducted more than 30 performances of *Messiah*, many of which were benefits for the Foundling Hospital. Handel's performances of *Messiah* raised so much money for charity that one biographer noted, "*Messiah* has fed the hungry, clothed the naked, fostered the orphan... more than any other single musical production in this or any country." Another wrote, "Perhaps the works of no other composer have so largely contributed to the relief of human suffering."

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11.11.17 || Scheherazade || Paul W. Ogle Center at IUS || 7:30PM || [Tickets](#) || [Info](#)
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12.1.17 || Messiah || Harvey Browne Presbyterian || 7:30PM || [Tickets](#) || [Info](#)
12.2.17 || Messiah || Floyd Central High School || 7:30PM || [Tickets](#) || [Info](#)
12.3.17 || Messiah || St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church || 3PM || [Tickets](#) || [Info](#)
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