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October 22, 2010

Music Society - Choral presents:

What: *Mass for the Homeless*

When: **November 13 • 7 pm**

Where: **Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1310 Ashman Street, Midland, MI 48640**

Cost: **\$13 General Admission**

Information: Call Ticket Office at (989) 631-8250 or (800) 523-7649 or www.mcfta.org

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MIDLAND - Music Society Choral and High School Women's Choir perform *Mass for the Homeless* November 13 at 7 pm at Memorial Presbyterian Church, Midland. Music Society Director of Choral Programs Jim Hohmeyer conducts. Tickets cost \$13; seating is general admission. Call the MCFTA Ticket Office at (989) 631-8250 or (800) 523-7649 or www.mcfta.org. A free-will donation will be taken at the concert, with 100% of those proceeds benefiting The Open Door and Midland Area Homes. Sponsored by Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Mass for the Homeless was written in 2007 by Henry Mollicone. The piece incorporates words from the Latin Mass juxtaposed with English text written by William Luce. The English texts are based on interviews conducted with persons living in homeless shelters and reflect their despair. It is the intention of the authors that a portion of the proceeds from the concert will go to organizations supporting those in need. All of the composer's royalties for this work go to such an organization. The free-will donation from this concert benefits The Open Door and Midland Area Homes.

Jim Hohmeyer, Director of Choral Programs, selected this particular work because it serves a two-fold purpose: raising awareness in the community of the "invisible population" of the homeless, and providing the vocalists an opportunity to sing a contemporary work that resonates with and supports a worthy social cause.

The concert features Lynne King, Jean Joslyn and Anthony Lynch as soloists, a large choir of 120 voices (Music Society Chorale and the High School Women's Choir) all accompanied by a chamber orchestra. In addition to *Mass for the Homeless*, the Chorale will perform the popular spiritual, *Soon I Will Be Done*. The High School Women's Choir, directed by Linda Hohner, will sing *Pie Jesu* and Kurt Bestor's *Prayer for the Children*.

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