

King's University College Chamber Choir to perform Handel's *Messiah* FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – April 1, 2013

London, ON - The King's University College Chamber Choir will perform Handel's *Messiah* in concert. The performance will take place at Revera's Windermere on the Mount Chapel (1486 Richmond St.) on Saturday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is by freewill offering with the proceeds being donated to St. Joseph's Hospice.

"The Chamber Choir sings to raise awareness to help those in need," says Janet Loo, conductor. "We will use our voices to reach out within the community. This is part of our King's community spirit."

The choir will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra and will feature guest soloists Alexandra Smither (soprano), Gabrielle Baerg (mezzo soprano), Jason Kehler (tenor), and Matthew Pauls (bass).

First presented in Dublin in 1742, Handel's *Messiah* is one of the most frequently performed choral works in Western music and it is often performed during the Easter season. It traces the life of Christ in three stages: his Nativity, his Passion and death, and his Resurrection. *Messiah* is the first major choral work to be sung by the chamber choir.

St. Joseph's Hospice provides community based palliative and bereavement care to people living in London and the immediate surrounding area. They provide quality-of-life at the end-of-life, offering compassionate, holistic care and companionship as they address the physical, emotional, spiritual and social needs and concerns of their clients and families.

Now in their third season, the King's Chamber Choir performs choral works in a variety of styles and genres. It is a group comprised of King's and Western students, King's alumni, King's administration, and members from the community. The choir is dedicated to reaching out to the community by donating the proceeds of their performances to designated charitable organizations.

For more information or to donate, please visit www.stjosephhospice.com For additional information on the Chamber Choir, please visit www.kings.uwo.ca/kuccc

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