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CALLING ALL SINGERS

Capitol Celebration Choir Seeking Recruits

Chatham, ON. – As part of the Chatham Capitol Theatre's Opening Festival, organizers are creating the Capitol Celebration Choir to cap off the week's festivities. The choir will perform on September 25th during the evening entitled "A Chatham-Kent Celebration", which will be the final night of the theatre's grand opening week. The choir, under the direction of renowned choral conductor Gerald Neufeld, along with soloists Danica Johnston, soprano, Darryl Edwards tenor and Kevin McMillan baritone will perform Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*.

"We're hoping to capture the interest of a lot of local singers," said Dan Donaldson, General Manager of the CCTA. "The work is big, and very exciting and demands a large chorus. I'm hoping that we can put over 100 voices on stage that night," he said.

Orff's *Carmina Burana* was composed between 1935 and 1936 and is based on 24 of the poems found in the medieval collection *Carmina Burana*. The section entitled "O Fortuna," which opens and closes the work, is one of the most quoted of classical music selections in popular culture. It has been featured in numerous television commercials and movie scores including ads for Gatorade and Old Spice, and in the 1981 movie "Excalibur." It was played in the summer of 2008 as the Milwaukee Brewers came up to bat and is played at every New England Patriots home game before the team leaves the tunnel.

"*Carmina* was chosen," says Donaldson, "because it is so well known, it is not overly difficult for amateur singers and is very accessible for audiences who may be unfamiliar with classical music. It also requires a large choir, including a children's chorus, and therefore provides lots of opportunity to get as many local singers involved who have an interest."

Anyone interested in joining the Capitol Celebration Choir can call the offices of the Capitol Theatre at 519 358 7079. You will be asked for your contacts and vocal range, (soprano, alto, tenor, bass), and a representative from the Capitol will contact you. Interested singers can also visit the Capitol's web site at www.chathamcapitoltheatre.com to apply on line, or come to the Box Office to register their interest.

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