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Music City Community Chorus to Honor Wallace Rasmussen with Holiday Concert

November 4, 2008 (NASHVILLE) - The **Music City Community Chorus** presents a **free** concert of holiday choral music **Tuesday evening, December 9 at 7:30 pm** at the **Scarritt-Bennett Wightman Chapel**, Nashville, Tennessee. Under the direction of vocal coach and conductor **Renee Grant-Williams**, they will perform *A Ceremony of Carols* by **Benjamin Britten**, and *Four Motets for the Season of Christmas* by **Francis Poulenc** as well as seasonal works by various Pre-Renaissance composers.

This concert will honor the memory of **Wallace Rasmussen**, the original benefactor of the Music City Community Chorus. Retired businessman and philanthropist Wallace Rasmussen died Sunday September 21, 2008 after an extended illness. Mr. Rasmussen was a past chairman and CEO of Beatrice Foods a major American food processing company.

MC3 founder and director Renee Grant-Williams has this to say, *“Without Wallace Rasmussen there would be no Music City Community Chorus today. As we have come to know him through the last three years, it has become clear that Wallace was a giant of a man, one who opened his mind and heart, as well as his wallet, to the endeavors that interested him. He has created a legacy of generosity that few can rival.”*

The Music City Community Chorus provides an opportunity for a wide range of singers to experience classical music, to learn new skills, and to grow vocally. The fifty-voice chorus is under the umbrella of the Metro Nashville Community Education program. Says Grant-Williams, “In a cyberspace world that has become increasingly defined by isolation, our goal is to provide a choral experience that brings both audience and singers out of their electronic caves and back in touch with other humans.”

Widely known as a vocal coach, Grant-Williams’ conducting credits include positions as founder and director of the San Francisco Community Chorus; director, Student Division of Vocal Music at the University of California, Berkeley; chorus master, Opera Division, Banff School of Fine Arts; and choir director Second Presbyterian Church, Nashville.

A Ceremony of Carols is free to the public. The concert begins promptly at **7:30 pm** on **Tuesday, December 9, 2008** at the **Scarritt-Bennett Wightman Chapel** in Nashville Tennessee. Call **615/244-3280** for interviews or additional information. Auditions for the Spring season will begin in February 2009. www.MusicCityCommunityChorus.org

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