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### **KCC announces touring choir schedule**

Battle Creek, Mich., May 27, 2010 – Forty voices, representing select members from Kellogg Community College’s three residential choirs, will present a series of concerts in Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York and Massachusetts from June 9-13, 2010. The concerts are free and open to the public.

The schedule is as follows:

June 9, 2010, 7:30 pm  
First Presbyterian Church of Holt  
2021 N. Aurelius Rd.  
Holt, Michigan

June 10, 2010, 7:30 pm  
Bethlehem United Church of Christ  
423 South 4th Ave.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

June 11, 2010, 7:30pm  
Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church  
E Main & Iron Sts.  
Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania

June 13, 2010, 1:00pm  
Fourth Presbyterian Church  
340 Dorchester St.  
South Boston, Massachusetts

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Led by Gerald J. Blanchard, conductor, the forty voiced touring choir is Kellogg Community College's premiere choral ensemble. The choir consists of select members from the college's three residential choirs: The Kellogg Singers, Concentus Vocal Ensemble and the Branch County Community Chorus.

The choirs of Kellogg Community College have performed throughout Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. The choirs have opened at Miller Auditorium for the Grammy Award winning groups Take 6 and Sweet Honey In the Rock, collaborating with the Kalamazoo Festival of Sacred Music. The choirs have performed with many groups including the Battle Creek and Monroe Symphonies, Monroe Community Chorale, the Chancel Choirs of First Presbyterian Church, Lansing, the Holt Presbyterian Chancel Choir and a special musical collaboration with the Haydn Festival Chamber Orchestra. The performance season will culminate this summer with the KCC Choral Union embarking on its second east coast concert tour with performances slated in Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York and Boston. For complete performance information visit the KCC Performing Arts information website at <http://www.kellogg.edu/performart/>.

The repertoire being presented will be varied. Featured works will include three compositions by William K. Decker, Professor Emeritus at Bloomsburg University, including his rousing version of the spiritual "Wade in the Water." Other works will include "In Song We Raise Our Voices" by Dominic Dousa; "Come to the Music" by Joseph Martin, featuring flutist Jan Wiley of the Kalamazoo Concert Band; special organ solos by KCC music faculty organists Katharine Cary and Dr. Mark Wells; and a wide

variety of additional repertoire ranging from Renaissance motets and madrigals to folk songs and vocal jazz.

Students and staff in the choir include:

**Soprano**

Kathy Bappert, Coldwater, MI  
Mary Jean Boston, Union City, MI  
Jennifer Kyle, Battle Creek, MI  
Bethany Liebrandt, Battle Creek, MI  
Diane Pridgeon, Coldwater, MI  
Diane Wegner, Sturgis, MI

**Alto**

Margaret Filmore, Coldwater, MI  
Amanda Larsen, Mount Pleasant, MI  
Elizabeth Martin, Battle Creek, MI  
Kayla McCarthy, Battle Creek, MI  
Dana Myers, Lansing, MI  
Susan Neuman, Cincinnati, OH  
Erica Riste, Battle Creek, MI  
Ashley Rollins, Battle Creek, MI  
Lucinda Wakeman, Coldwater, MI  
Jane Wiley, Sturgis, MI  
Allyn Wilk, Battle Creek, MI  
Kelsey Whittaker, Plainwell, MI

**Tenor**

Elijah Boyd, Battle Creek, MI  
Charles Celli, Battle Creek, MI  
Cynthia Filmore, Coldwater, MI  
Jared Heersema, Leroy, MI  
Alan Jackson, Battle Creek, MI  
Linda Kershner, Sturgis, MI  
Caleb Munn, Battle Creek, MI

**Bass**

Ryan Beaudre, Battle Creek, MI  
Stephen F. P. Case, Battle Creek, MI  
Nicholas Eaton, Hastings, MI  
Joshua Heersema, Leroy, MI  
Joshua Jacobus, Battle Creek, MI  
David Rodriguez Nelson, Battle Creek, MI  
Anthony J. Pennock, Battle Creek, MI  
Chadwick Ramsey, Delton, MI  
Kevin Taylor, Hastings, MI  
Terry Zimmerman, Sturgis, MI

**Music Staff:**

Gerald J. Blanchard, Philadelphia, PA  
Nancy Brown, Fulton, MI  
Kathy Cary, Coldwater, MI  
Mark Wells, Edgewood, KY

The group is conducted by Gerald Blanchard, vocal music instructor at Kellogg Community College and director of choral activities. For more information, please call (269) 965-3931 extension 2566 or visit [www.kellogg.edu/performart](http://www.kellogg.edu/performart).

The Kellogg Community College vocal arts area has four choral opportunities including the Kellogg Singers, the Branch County Community Chorus, Concentus Vocal Ensemble, and the Choral Union Touring Choir. The area also offers a yearly opera workshop, individualized voice lessons, master classes and student recitals.

Kellogg Community College was founded in 1956 by the Battle Creek Board of Education, which operated it until 1970 when voters created an area wide college district. The college, situated on sites in Battle Creek, Albion (Eastern Academic Center), Coldwater (Grahl Center), Hastings (Fehsenfeld Center), and Fort Custer Industrial Park (Regional Manufacturing Technology Center), offers nearly 100 pre-professional college/university transfer curricula, approximately 40 occupational associate degree programs aimed toward job preparation, and related training for apprenticeships.

Kellogg Community College provides customized training services designed and delivered to area businesses and institutions and a wide range of lifelong learning programs or personal enrichment. Over the past several years, hundreds of small businesses have received specialized training for thousands of employees and dozens of small businesses and individuals through the College's customized training programs.

The college was fully reaccredited by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools during the spring semester of 2002.