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Ephrata Cloister Chorus to Hold Auditions

EPHRATA, PA – Do you or someone you know, love to sing and want to share your voice with others? The Ephrata Cloister Chorus, an educational program run by the Ephrata Cloister Associates, is looking for vocalists who are interested in sharing the musical history of not only the Historic Ephrata Cloister, but other early American music as well.

A former German religious community founded in 1732 by immigrant Conrad Beissel, the Historic Ephrata Cloister, 632 West Main Street, Ephrata, is a historic site dedicated to the unique religion that Beissel formed in utilizing William Penn's dream of religious freedom and tolerance.

The 40-member volunteer chorus, under the direction of Dr. Daryl Hollinger, has recently release their third CD entitled, *The Songs of the Turtle Dove: A Celebration of America's Musical Heritage*, which is available at the Museum Store. Starting with their formation in 1959, the chorus, along with producing CDs, holds concerts at the Ephrata Cloister as well as other historic sites and churches.

During the concert season, the chorus rehearses every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. from September to late May in the Historic Ephrata Cloister's Visitors Center.

Auditions for the chorus' upcoming season will be held on Tuesday, August 7 and Tuesday, August 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Visitors Center. Anyone interested is asked to contact Beth Norton, Chorus Librarian at 717-625-2622.

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