



Michigan City Messiah, Inc. | P.O. Box 9219 | Michigan City, IN 46361 | (219) 575-1905 | www.MCMessiah.com

September 1, 2023

Dear Patron of the Arts,

As we enter our 59th season, we are so excited and so grateful: excited to be bringing voices back together again and grateful for the unwavering support of our patrons. We are presenting *MESSIAH* this year to the Michigan City community on December 16 and 17. HALLELUJAH!

I've had the privilege and honor of leading this organization over the last eight years and I couldn't be prouder of what we've accomplished, how we've grown and our resilience. We survived a dormant season of *Messiah* performances, yet we expanded our offerings to include a spring concert. Through Indiana Arts Commission grants and continued support from our amazing donor base, we are able to present *Messiah* performances once again.

Our treasured GIFT to the community will continue.

The "time out" of the pandemic offered the board of directors an opportunity for reflection. As we discussed who we are, where we came from and where we want to go, we realized the timing was right to move our performances to a venue that can accommodate a larger audience and provide a spaciousness the climate demanded. The positive feedback received after our Baroque Concert and *Messiah* performance in 2021 led us to determine the Holdcraft Performing Arts Center will be our new home. We are excited about the possibilities this space provides.

Will you help keep this tradition alive and vibrant?

Can you imagine what a treasured and glorious thing it will be this December when we share *Messiah* with you once again? As always, we take a leap of faith that our loyal patrons will support our endeavors. That is why I'm writing to you in September.

Michigan City Messiah needs your support in this season of giving. Please consider overwhelming us with your kindness, generosity and love if you are able. With your support, we can emerge stronger and more vibrant than ever. Your donation will ensure this most treasured holiday tradition will continue to bless the community.

I ask for your help in ensuring the next 50 years. It takes months of planning and preparation to present *Messiah*. We have been at the ready for some time. We ask for your assistance, prayers, and support. We look forward to once again singing "Hallelujah."

Musically yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Philip Bauman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Philip Bauman
Music Director, Michigan City Messiah

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To All Friends of *Messiah*:

We need your help to ensure our 59th season is a success. We will be performing two concerts this year at the Holdcraft Performing Arts Center, Saturday, December 16 at 7pm and Sunday afternoon, December 17 at 3pm. This is truly a community event combining local musical talent to honor the life of Jesus Christ through this inspired oratorio.

Each year, the costs to produce Messiah have increased resulting in the need for additional financial assistance. Please consider donating to the Messiah Patron Fund.

This is YOUR opportunity to assist in continuing this wonderful tradition.

Please fill out the bottom section and send in with your contribution or go online to MCMessiah.com and donate there.

Donations Due: December 8, 2023 for a listing in the program

Make Checks payable to: **Michigan City Messiah, Inc.**

Mail to:

MC Messiah Fund

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Levels of Contribution:

_____	\$300 or more (Legacy)	_____	\$50 - \$99 (Sponsor)
_____	\$200-299 (Benefactor)	_____	less than \$50 (Friend)
_____	100- \$199 (Patron)		

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In Memory of: _____