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### News Release

#### **Celebrate the Sounds of Christmas at Madonna University**

The Madonna University Chorale presents the *Magnificat* by Johann Sebastian Bach on Sunday, December 10 at 3 p.m. at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church and on Sunday, December 17 at 3 p.m. in the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse Chapel. The chorale, which is comprised of students, faculty and local community members, is conducted by Dr. David Wagner, associate professor of music at Madonna University.

One of the few choral works in which J.S. Bach used Latin text, the *Magnificat* was composed to premiere during Vespers on Christmas Day in 1723, at the Church of St. Nicholas in Leipzig, Germany.

To commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of J.S. Bach's death, the chorale will be accompanied at both performances by the Emerald Sinfonietta, under the direction of maestro Felix Resnick.

The public is welcome to attend. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors. Children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Madonna University music scholarships.

Madonna University and the Felician Sister's Motherhouse are located in Livonia at I-96 and Levan Road. Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church is located at 211 Moross Road in Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, call Dr. David Wagner at (734) 432-5708 or by e-mail at [dwagner@madonna.edu](mailto:dwagner@madonna.edu).

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