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A Choral Chamber Ensemble
Kerry Krebill, *Artistic Director*

Musikanten was founded in 1979 by Maestra Kerry Krebill in Bethesda, Maryland, as a mostly-*a cappella* chamber ensemble specializing in music of Renaissance and contemporary composers. It is the oldest choral chamber ensemble in the Washington DC area, still performing its signature repertoire for local First Night celebrations, occasional concerts and Masses, and touring annually to Europe and beyond. In 2002 when Ms. Krebill moved to Montana to assume the position of Helena Symphony Chorale Conductor, she found that many local singers were interested in experiencing a variety of repertoire in addition to symphonic choir music. **Thus was born Musikanten Montana in the summer of 2004.**

In its first concert season Musikanten's contribution to the arts in Helena was striking:

- **Inaugurated Helena Choral Week in June of 2004** – *Musikanten En Masse* -- bringing together some 50 singers from the Washington DC area and Helena to study, rehearse and perform Frank Martin's sublime *Mass for Double Choir a cappella* at the Cathedral of St. Helena. Free mini-concerts were offered every day at the Myrna, with performances by outstanding guest artists. Classes and lessons were offered to the public.
- **Offered music for Evensong, Evening Prayer, Advent and Christmas Eve liturgies and masses** at the Cathedral of St. Helena, St. John's Lutheran Church and St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral. Musikanten Montana was the liturgical choir for the installation service of Franklin Brookhart as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Montana.
- **Sponsored the Third Annual Montana Early Music Festival**, with 2 performances of Claudio Monteverdi's rarely-heard masterpiece, the *Marian Vespers of 1610*, as the highlight. 5 concerts were presented in Helena and Missoula in collaboration with Missoula's Brandhout Ensemble, with guest artists from Texas, Colorado, Pennsylvania, California and the Washington DC area, as well as Kalispell, Bozeman and Missoula. Admission to all events was by donation.
- **Concluded its 1st concert season with Helena Choral Week 2005**, presenting 10 free performances to the Helena community, as well as a collaboration with Artisan Dance in the Thursday evening guest artist spotlight concert at the Myrna. The ensemble hosted two award-winning Sweet Adeline choruses and Missoula's renowned Brandhout Ensemble in this week showcasing vocal diversity, with repertoire from William Byrd to P. D. Q. Bach. The grand finale concert at the Cathedral of St. Helena featured Aaron Copland's glorious "In the Beginning," a rarely-performed American masterpiece.

Highlights of Musikanten Montana's 2nd season included a gala benefit 1st birthday party at Benny's Bistro in September, a concert for All Souls on November 2, Music and Meditation for Advent (a gift to the community from the Women of St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral), Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at St. Peter's and a Wine Tasting and Silent Auction at Sommeliers in February. The 4th Annual Montana Early Music Festival, featuring J. S. Bach's towering *Mass in B Minor*, was a highlight of Helena and Missoula's music seasons. Helena Choral Week 2006 (June 25-July 1) presented "900 Years of Choral Masterpieces," with attendees from Washington DC, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Florida, Missouri and Tennessee, as well as Conrad, Great Falls, Missoula, Bozeman and Butte.

The ensemble's 3rd and 4th seasons followed a similar pattern, with the November All Souls memorial concert becoming an established highlight of the Helena fall performance calendar. Most recent works performed were Fauré's radiant *Requiem* in 2007, and the matchless Brahms *Requiem* (with Brahms' own piano duet accompaniment) in 2008. The annual Advent Service of Lessons & Carols at St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral, an oasis of calm in busy December, attracts community-wide participation. The spring Montana Early Music Festival produces five concerts each year – MEMF-VI featured Bach's dramatic masterpiece, *The Passion According to St. John*. Helena Choral Week continues to be an exciting gathering of musicians from across the US – HCW 2008 even included friends from the ensemble's 2007 tour to Argentina.

The group continues to strengthen its ties to the community. The 4th season saw a collaboration of 3 choirs and 2 dramatic readers in celebration of Harper Lee's classic *To Kill a Mockingbird*, focus of the city-wide, intergenerational "Big Read;" performances for The Original Governor's Mansion Holiday House Tour and other local benefits; and numerous concerts offered free to the community. Musikanten Montana is in residence at St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral, and sings regularly for special liturgical events such as the ordination of two priests in June 2008.

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