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## **Mormon Tabernacle Choir Returns to Indianapolis on 2013 Tour**

SALT LAKE CITY — Returning to the Circle City after more than a century, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square will present a concert Friday, June 14, at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in downtown Indianapolis as a part of the 2013 Upper Midwest tour. The Choir will visit six cities in America's heartland this summer — its first visit to the upper Midwest since 2007. The tour will also include stops in Columbus, Chicago, Milwaukee, Madison and Minneapolis from June 12 through June 20, 2013, and will feature the 360-voice world-renowned Choir and 65 members of the Orchestra at Temple Square. The Choir's repertoire will cover everything from Bach and Broadway to American folk hymns and spirituals.

"We love going on the road to connect with our audiences in the Midwest, who will experience the pure joy music can bring to the hearts and minds of its listeners," says Ron Jarrett, president of the Choir. "The Choir performs before a live audience every week for its *Music and the Spoken Word* broadcast," he says. "But there is nothing quite like hearing the Choir live in concert. We are looking forward to being back in the Hoosier State after all these years."

Presented by the Indiana Symphony Society, Inc., the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square will perform cherished melodies from the American songbook and Broadway musicals; works from classical composers including Antonin Dvořák, Gioacchino Rossini and Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov; and many of America's signature folk hymns and spirituals. The "Battle Hymn of the Republic" will conclude the two-hour program. The Mormon Tabernacle Choir last visited Indianapolis in 1911 for a performance at the Murat Theatre.

The Mormon Tabernacle Choir is an ambassador of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which has had a presence in Indiana since 1831. Today, Church members in Indiana number about 41,000 in 100 congregations. On October 2, 2010, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced the building of a temple in Indianapolis. A groundbreaking ceremony for the temple was held September 2012.

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Since its first tour outside of Utah in 1893, the Choir has toured extensively across the United States and abroad. It has performed throughout Europe and in music capitals from Israel and Russia to Japan and Australia. Its travels have also included performances at the inaugurations of six U.S. presidents. The all-volunteer Choir and Orchestra usually tour every other year since all of the performers must take vacation time from their jobs and leave their families to undertake the travel.

The 360-voice Choir, accompanied frequently by the 110-member Orchestra, can also be heard weekly as part of the *Music and the Spoken Word* broadcast. This 30-minute program is the world's longest continuing network broadcast and currently airs on over 2,000 radio, TV, cable and satellite stations worldwide. In addition, the Choir's official YouTube channel ([youtube.com/MormonTabChoir](http://youtube.com/MormonTabChoir)) has a huge archive of full episodes of *Music and the Spoken Word*, past Christmas specials and concerts featuring special guests. Fans can also follow the Choir on Twitter @MormonTabChoir.

Tickets for the concert are now available at the Bankers Life Fieldhouse box office at 1-800-745-3000, or they can be purchased online at [bankerslifefieldhouse.com](http://bankerslifefieldhouse.com) or [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com).

Please note: The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra does not perform in this concert.

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