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Mormon Tabernacle Choir Announces 2009 American Central States Tour

SALT LAKE CITY — The Mormon Tabernacle Choir will conduct its 2009 American central states tour from 18 June through 29 June 2009. The tour will consist of seven concerts, with performances in Cincinnati, Ohio; St. Louis, Missouri; Des Moines, Iowa; Omaha, Nebraska; Kansas City, Missouri; Norman, Oklahoma; and Denver, Colorado. Sixty-five members of the Orchestra at Temple Square will accompany the 360-voice choir on tour.

“Every week we have thousands of visitors from all over the world who come to experience the choir in person,” says Mack Wilberg, music director of the choir. “Touring gives us the chance to share this experience with new audiences across the world. It’s a great privilege and a highlight for choir and orchestra members to perform for audiences in live concerts.”

Music performed on the summer tour will draw from the choir’s extensive repertoire and will include choral masterworks, hymns, spirituals, and folk songs. The concert program will also feature selections from the Choir’s spring 2009 CD release titled *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*.

First on the tour will be a performance with the Cincinnati Pops at the Riverbend Music Center just outside of Cincinnati, with Erich Kunzel and Mack Wilberg sharing conducting duties. The choir will join the Pops as part of the 25th anniversary celebration of the Riverbend Music Center, giving a very rare repeat performance after rave reviews by the audience at Riverbend just two years ago.

The choir and orchestra will also perform at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis on 20 June; the Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines on 22 June; the Holland Performing Arts Center in Omaha on 23 June; the Sprint Center in Kansas City on 25 June; the Lloyd Noble Center at the University of Oklahoma campus in Norman on 27 June; and the Red Rocks Amphitheater in Denver on 29 June.

The tour will mark a return to St. Louis and Kansas City since 1958. The last visit to Denver was in 2005 and the famous Red Rocks venue in 1984. The concerts in Des Moines, Omaha and Norman will be first-ever visits for the Choir.

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, 360-voice choir, accompanied frequently by the similarly all-volunteer 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 continuously running network broadcast, now in its 80th year. It currently airs on over 2,000 radio, TV, cable and satellite stations worldwide.

Tickets for the 2009 concerts will be on sale at all concert venues by 1 December 2008, through various online ticket agencies, over the phone and also online at www.mormontabernaclechoir.org.

Information on the venues and ticket sales on each of the tour stops is attached. For more information and additional media resources, please visit www.mormontabernaclechoir.org and click on "Newsroom."

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Mormon Tabernacle Choir
Orchestra at Temple Square
Summer 2009 Midwest U.S. Tour
Ticket Information

City Concert Date	Venue Time	Tickets on sale as of...	Tickets Available Online/by Phone at:	Tickets Available In Person at:
Cincinnati Thursday, June 18	Riverbend Music Center (with Cincinnati Pops) 8:00 p.m.	Dec. 1, 2008	www.CincinnatiPops.org (513) 381-3300	CSP/Pops Box Office
St. Louis Saturday, June 20	Scottrade Center 7:30 p.m.	Dec. 1, 2008	www.ticketmaster.com (314) 241-1888	Scottrade Box Office
Des Moines Monday, June 22	Wells Fargo Arena 7:30 p.m.	Nov. 28, 2008	www.dahlstickets.com 1-866-553-2457	Iowa Events Center Box Office
Omaha Tuesday, June 23	Holland Performing Arts Center 8:00 p.m.	On sale now	www.omahaperformingarts.org (402) 345-0606	Holland Performing Arts Center Ticket Office
Kansas City Thursday, June 25	Sprint Center 7:30 p.m.	Dec. 1, 2008	www.ticketmaster.com (816) 931-3330	Sprint Center Box Office
Norman Saturday, June 27	Lloyd Noble Center 7:30 p.m.	Dec. 1, 2008	www.ticketmaster.com (405) 360-7776, (405) 235-8288 or (918) 587-2322	University of Oklahoma Athletic Ticket Office
Denver Monday, June 29	Red Rocks Amphitheater 7:30 p.m.	Dec. 1, 2008	www.ticketswest.com (866) 464-2626 or (719) 576-2626	All Colorado and Wyoming King Soopers and City Markets