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Please find enclosed a cheque in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

PLEDGE: To assist the Grand River Chorus in its planning for a sustainable future, I hereby specify future pledges as follows:

YEAR	Preferred month	Pledge Amount
2011	_____	\$ _____
2012	_____	\$ _____
2013	_____	\$ _____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Note: Tax receipts for the current year can be issued for donations received before the end of December.

## The Grand River Chorus needs your support

The Grand River Chorus enhances the artistic life of our community, making our community a more attractive and enjoyable place in which to live. Because we cannot survive solely on revenue from ticket sales and chorister dues, we need your support. Please consider making a donation, and a longer term commitment.

Following our first decade of success, we created a new strategic plan to build success for the future. Clearly, action was needed to ensure the longer term stability and sustainability of the Grand River Chorus. One big step is to plan our concert programmes over a rolling three year period. To make this work, we now need pledges of support over the next three years. With your help, we can achieve sustainability, greater success into the future, and continuation of those high quality choral concerts that you have come to expect from us.

We pledge, in turn, to continue presenting the choral music you love, and to keep securing those high quality professional musicians and soloists that perform with our choir from time to time. This is our value added commitment to you. We look forward to your response, and thank you most heartily for your support of the Grand River Chorus.

David Neumann, On behalf of your Board of Directors

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 THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL  
**GRAND FÊTE DU VIN**  
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 Saturday February 26, 2011  
 Best Western - Brant Park Inn,  
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## THE GRAND RIVER CHORUS

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## THE GRAND RIVER CHORUS

2010 - 2011

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## 2010 - 2011 SEASON

*A word from the  
Artistic Director*

# Order Form

### 1. Monteverdi's Vespers

Saturday October 30th, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.

**St. Basil's Roman Catholic Church,**  
50 Palace Street, Brantford

**Soloists:** Sopranos - Michelle de Boer and Ariel Harwood-Jones; Tenors: Christopher Fischer and Robert Kinar

*Celebrate with us the 400th anniversary of the composition of this timeless masterpiece. The Vespers mark the transition from the Renaissance into the Baroque period. Thus, this grand work plays a major role in the history of music.*

### 2. Handel's Messiah - Singalong

Sunday December 19th, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

**Heritage United Church,**  
360 Colborne Street, Brantford

**Guest soloist :** Soprano - Heather Plewes,

**GRC soloists:** Countertenor - Richard Cunningham, Tenor - Christopher Edwards, and Bass - John van Maanen.

*This Christmas Classic is one which every person who loves to sing should attend. Even if you prefer to listen and not take part, it is always great fun. We have a special guest coming to conduct the Hallelujah Chorus. Don't you want to find out who that will be?*

### 3. Brahms Requiem: Ein Deutsches Requiem

Sunday March 27, 2011, 3:00 p.m.

**St Pius Roman Catholic Church,**  
9 Waverly Street, Brantford

**Soloists:** Soprano - Leslie Bouza, and Baritone - Jordan Stumpf

*Brahms wanted to compose a Requiem-like work that was aimed more at calming the minds of the people left here on earth. Thus, his German Requiem doesn't speak to the fires of hell, but rather "How lovely are your dwellings fair, O Lord of Hosts."*

### 4. Songs for Springtime - including the Missa Gaia

Two opportunities, in 2 communities  
a. Saturday June 4th, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

**St James United Church,**  
203 John Street, Simcoe OR

b. Sunday June 5th, 2011, 3:00 p.m.

**St Pius Roman Catholic Church,**  
9 Waverly Street, Brantford

*Canadian composer Paul Halley has been to Brantford to perform with the Grand River Chorus. His setting of Seven Songs for Springtime and his Missa Gaia, co-written with Paul Winter, will form the centerpiece of this collage of music of all styles. We shall celebrate the arrival of spring with music which will lift your spirits.*

Welcome to another wonderful season of making music with the Grand River Chorus. There is much to excite us and you as we plan four major works in the year.

2010 marks the 400th anniversary of the composition of a piece that defined the transition from the Renaissance into the Baroque periods of music. Claudio Monteverdi dedicated his "Vespers" to Pope Paul V in the hope of securing a scholarship for his son. This colossal setting of music for a major service probably won him the job of Maestro di Cappella at St Mark's in Venice, when the job came open three years later. We open our season with this grand work.

From this monumental music to the powerful message of Handel's "Messiah" to the Romantic period's gentle and assuring "Requiem" by Brahms to the jazz / classical stylings of the "Missa Gaia"; the 2010 - 2011 season will be one of many themes and styles. Clearly, it will provide you with a fantastic variety of grand music at a high quality level you have come to expect from our chorus. Be sure to set these dates in your calendar so that you, your family and friends, can be a part of this exciting time for music in our community.

We value your feedback, and want to hear from you. I love to meet concert patrons after the performances, or at any time. Please come and tell me how much you like what we're doing to provide you with great music.

Richard Cunningham




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Concert 1, 2, 3, 4, (please circle)

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Concert 1, 2, 3, 4, (please circle)

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