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### Mayor Kay Barnes to Conduct Heartland Men's Chorus

Kansas City, MO—On Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mayor Kay Barnes will add another credit to her already lengthy résumé: conductor. Barnes will take the stage to direct the 140 singers of Heartland Men's Chorus for "White Christmas" one of the selections in the Chorus's upcoming concert *Everything's Coming Up Christmas*.

Barnes got the gig as a result of the live auction at HMC's fundraiser, Dinner of Note.

During the event, the chance to conduct one song of the holiday concert was auctioned off to the highest bidder. After conducting spots for the Friday and Sunday concerts were snapped up, an anonymous donor pledged \$2,000 if Mayor Barnes would agree to take the Saturday slot. She graciously accepted, as the crowd at the black tie event cheered.

"We're thrilled to have Mayor Barnes take the stage with us," says Rick Fisher, executive director of HMC. "She has been such a strong voice in our community and such a supporter of our mission. Last year, she issued a proclamation in honor of our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and she can often be seen in the audience of our concerts and our

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fundraising events. It will be a pleasure to welcome her to the stage of the Folly Theater.”

Jeff Spangler and Reverend Carol Smith will be featured as guest conductors at Friday and Sunday’s performances, respectively. “White Christmas” is one of the many holiday songs from Broadway and Hollywood musicals featured in *Everything’s Coming Up Christmas*. HMC’s artistic director Joe Nadeau will yield his podium to the guest conductors for one selection, but will be back to conduct his singers for the remainder of this holiday spectacular. Other songs in the program include “We Need A Little Christmas” from *Mame* and “Favorite Son” from *The Will Rogers Follies*.

Heartland Men’s Chorus performs *Everything’s Coming Up Christmas* December 1 and 2 at 8:00 pm and December 3 at 4:00 pm at the Folly Theater, 300 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Tickets are available online at [www.hmckc.org](http://www.hmckc.org) or by calling 816-931-3338.

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