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Dear Memphis Symphony Chorus,

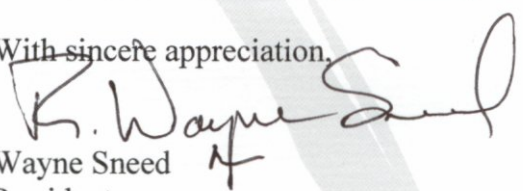
On behalf of the Orphanos Foundation, I wanted to thank you for volunteering your precious time to make the Messiah a successful event this year! This piece of music has a special place in our hearts, and you made it come to life with your beautiful voices. I know you spent countless hours in rehearsals as well as the performance weekend, and I just want to thank you for this.

We are still waiting on final numbers, but so far we know that more people attended this event than last year. In 2006 a total of 1400 people attended the Messiah. This year, our numbers jumped to about 5600. We are hoping that next year we will continue to increase again and have a sold out performance Saturday evening.

We have started to receive thank you letters from the Memphis City School students, and I wish you could read through all of these to see how they express their gratitude. One child said "When I saw the performers (this was the child's spelling), I almost cried because it was so good to hear." Another child said, "The singers were not just great they were fantastic singers." Letter after letter has encouraging words such as these. You helped bring smiles to their faces and let them experience something totally new.

We look forward to working with you in the future. I believe we are already on the calendar for the Messiah next year, and I hope you will again lend your voices to Handel's masterpiece. May you and your families have a merry Christmas.

With sincere appreciation,

  
Wayne Sneed  
President

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