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Angela Hagenbach joins Heritage Philharmonic to Kick Off Season

The Heritage Philharmonic will open its 2012-2013 concert season with guest artist Angela Hagenbach at The Pavilion at John Knox Village on Saturday, October 20. One of Kansas City's best known Jazz performers, Hagenbach and her quintet will join the Heritage Philharmonic in a free pops concert featuring an entertaining evening of popular Swing, Big Band, Jazz and Broadway selections.

"We are honored to open our 68th season with Angela," said Heritage Philharmonic Conductor, James Murray. "I had been intrigued with the idea of a symphonic jazz program for quite some time and I thought Angela's voice would be perfect for this event."

Hagenbach is widely known as a masterful interpreter of great songs, written by everyone from Duke Ellington to Antonio Carlos Jobim. Her sultry contralto voice moves easily between musical genres and excels in her interpretations of Jazz Standards and Latin Jazz. She is also an accomplished songwriter in her own right. Two of her compositions are featured in *Last Will*, a film starring Tatum O'Neil, James Brolin and Tom Berenger and she was cast in the movie as the wedding singer.

As a concert performer, Hagenbach has graced the stages of numerous festivals, concert halls and performance venues around the world and was twice chosen by the State Department to represent the United States as a Cultural Jazz Ambassador during the Clinton Administration. Both of her world tours kicked off at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. and progressed through seventeen countries.

The Heritage Philharmonic, formerly known as the Independence Symphony, is dedicated to providing the Eastern Jackson County community with excellent, affordable and convenient orchestral music programs by using both professional and volunteer musicians. All concerts are free and open to the public. However, donations are requested to support the mission of the orchestra.

For the past 68 years, the Heritage Philharmonic has proven to be a valuable community resource in Jackson County. Under the direction of James Murray the orchestra will offer four unique concerts in Independence, Lee's Summit and Blue Springs this season. In addition to the opening concert with Hagenbach, the remaining concerts will include:

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Holiday Pops Spectacular, December 15 at the Blue Springs High School Performing Arts Center. This annual concert will feature a wonderful selection of holiday music. The orchestra will be joined by the Delta Woods Middle School's Honor Choir under the direction of Shirley Atkinson.

Magnificent Magnificat, February 23, 2013 at the Blue Springs High School Performing Arts Center. This classical concert will feature the works of Wagner, Borodin/Glazunov and Rutter. The orchestra is pleased to bring together for the first time a joint performance by the Blue Springs and Blue Springs South High School's A Cappella Choirs. The choirs are under the direction of Nathan Rudolph and Jason Bean respectfully. Additionally, soprano soloist Nicole Murray will also be featured.

The traditional **Young Artist Showcase** will close out the season on May 4, 2013 at Tri-City Ministries in Independence. This classical performance will feature the winners of a high school performance competition held in partnership with the Kansas City Music Teachers Association.

For additional information please visit www.heritagephilharmonic.org

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