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Mezzo Soprano Sings in Sainte Marie

Tickets are now on sale for the Dorothy Helregel Mathious Concert to be held on Saturday, Sept. 3, 2011, at 1 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Sainte Marie. The concert will be a benefit for the Sainte Marie Foundation's south garden at its historic Foundation House.

The former Dorothy Helregel, who grew up on a farm outside of Sainte Marie, attended Ste. Marie Elementary School, Newton Community High School and Eastern Illinois University. From there she traveled far, singing opera in Chicago, New York City and Los Angeles. She eventually settled in the Los Angeles area where she has continued to sing and teach.

Mathious will be singing a varied selection of music, from opera to a medley of songs from *The Sound of Music*. Her professionally-trained, singer-daughter, Jenna Mathioudakis, will also perform.

Karen Sainer of Newton will be her piano accompanist. Other musicians include Monica Hilderbrand, Violin 1 from Robinson; Mikkell Beavers, Violin 2 from Newton; and Ku-Wai Yu. Cellist from Champaign.

"Last year's Foundation concert with pianist Jim Litzelman nearly sold out" said Pat Reis, president of the Sainte Marie Foundation, "so we encourage people to get their tickets early."

Tickets (\$10 adults; \$5 students/children) are available at the Sainte Marie State Bank, the Peoples State Bank of Newton, the First National Bank of Dieterich (Newton branch) and the First Financial Bank (Newton) or send a check to *Sainte Marie Foundation (%Annette Kirts), PO Box 186, Ste. Marie, IL 62459*.

Samuel Music Company of Effingham assisted with the rental of a grand piano for this concert. A reception will be held at the Foundation House immediately following the concert.

The Sainte Marie Foundation, founded in 2007, is incorporated as an Illinois not-for-profit, founded exclusively for charitable purposes and dedicated to the improvement and historical preservation of Ste. Marie. The Foundation House, which was donated to the Foundation in 2008, is the former Harley and Lena Kirts home, a large prairie house that Foundation volunteers have spent many hours renovating during the past two years. Eventually, it will house a museum dedicated to Ste. Marie history

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Dorothy Helregel Mathious