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**PITTSBURGH CONCERT CHORALE STARTS SEASON WITH CHRISTMAS CHEER
"Brilliant" Brass Accompany Chorale for Christmas Performances**

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA (October 31, 2011) - The Pittsburgh Concert Chorale (PCC) is pleased to announce "Brilliant Brass: Holiday Music for Chorus and Brass" as the first concert of the "Brilliant, Breathtaking, Bold" Season. These performances on December 2, 3 and 4 will be the first holiday performances conducted by Music Director Susan Medley for the Chorale.

"Brilliant Brass: Holiday Music for Chorus and Brass" will feature the Pittsburgh Ceremonial Brass and organist David Billings with seasonal favorites, holiday classics and Christmas carols. Song selections include Gabrieli's *Jubilate Deo*, Rutter's *Gloria* and Pinkham's *Christmas Cantata*.

"What better way to ring in the season than with the majestic sounds of brass and chorus. I am very excited to combine the Pittsburgh Ceremonial Brass and the PCC for these concerts. This program is filled with joyous music that will put us all in the holiday spirit!" Medley states.

The Dec. 2nd (8pm) and 4th (4pm) performances will take place at Ingomar United Methodist Church, while the Dec. 3rd (8pm) performance will take place at Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church.

These Christmas performances mark the beginning of the 2011-2012 PCC concert season. On March 3 and 4, the chorus will present "Breathtaking Beauty: Rachmaninoff's '*Vespers' All Night Vigil*), *Op.37*". The season wraps up with "Bold Broadway: The Best of the Great White Way" on May 4, 5 and 6. Each program will be presented at two locations in the North Hills: Ingomar United Methodist Church and Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church. The May 4 performance of the Pops concert will be presented at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Mt. Lebanon as a St. Paul's Friends of Music Guild Concert Series Event.

Season subscriptions can be bought at the discounted price of \$48 for preferred seating at all three concerts. Tickets for individual concerts, which can be purchased in advance or at the door are: Adults- \$20 (\$25 at the door), students-\$8, and free for children 12 and under. Tickets for the May 4 performance can only be purchased at the door for \$10 for adults. All other tickets, including groups and subscriptions, can be ordered online at www.PCCSing.org at a discount or by calling 412.635.7654. For more information about the 100-member Pittsburgh Concert Chorale, please visit the web at www.PCCsing.org or call 412.635.7654 and leave a message.