

# The Temple Theatre

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## **Saginaw Choral Society**

### **Presents Their 2011–2012 Season**

*See... Hear... Experience this for yourself.*

**SAGINAW, MI** -- Saginaw Choral Society will begin their next 75 years with a new direction, a new season, and a new director beckoning us to wake up with a grand gala of song. Glen Thomas Rideout, Artistic Director & Conductor, says, "It's time to sing a new song. It's time to awaken to the challenge to make greater, even more exciting music than we ever have. It's time to harness the great power music has to build communities and to change lives. It's time to sing our world awake." The 2011-2012 concert season kicks off with **Wake Up!** at 8 pm on October 22 at the Temple Theatre in Saginaw.

**A World of Carols**, presented at 3 pm on December 10 at the Temple Theatre, will enchant you with winter and holiday carols from many cultural and religious traditions, such as Christmas, Hanukkah, Winter Solstice, and Kwanzaa. Sing along and open your hearts to the true spirit of the holidays. "As every year comes to an end, the world bursts into joyous songs from a myriad of cultures. Together we can light candles, we welcome family and friends and share in the blessed miracles that mean so much to us. Come with us as we explore the world's holiday traditions and sing together the carols that we've come to know and love!" exclaims Rideout.

Join us February 25, 2012, 8 pm at the Temple Theatre as the Saginaw Choral Society presents **Mozart's Requiem: Putting it Together**, an extraordinary composition drafted by Mozart, but completed after his death by beloved student, Franz Xaver Süssmayr, using whatever he could gather – finished sketches, scraps of paper in Mozart's handwriting, and his own composing. Listen as they perform this enigmatic work, we show you where Mozart leaves off and Süssmayr begins. Truly fascinating!

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Also, join the Saginaw Choral Society for two performances – January 27, 2012 at 7:30 pm, and January 28, 2012 at 3 pm – for great performances, desserts, and a delightful variety of music at the 8th annual **The Member's Recital** at First United Methodist Church in Sagniaw.

The Saginaw Choral Society concludes their season at the Temple Theatre on May 5, 2012, at 8 pm with **African Sanctus**. This spectacular work, composed by David Fanshawe, creates an immediate impact on both listener and performer. “Let us take you on a grand musicultural journey through the societies of Northeast Africa. This multimédia symphony of cultures joins the composer’s lyrical British musical craft with the rhythmically exciting music of the region’s diverse cultures. African Sanctus will blow you away with its exuberance and dazzle you with its beauty. But don’t take my word for it. See... hear... experience this for yourself.” – Glen Thomas Rideout

Season Tickets for the Saginaw Choral Society are now available by calling the Temple Theatre Box Office at 989.754.SHOW (7469).

The Temple Theatre is located at 201 N. Washington Ave. in Saginaw. Box-office hours are Monday – Friday, from 8am to 6pm, and Saturday, 9am to 5pm. As always, there will be free parking and shuttle service from the Saginaw Tower, 515 N. Washington, two blocks north of the Temple.

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