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***Music and the Spoken Word* Commemorates Veterans Day and 150th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address**

SALT LAKE CITY – The Mormon Tabernacle Choir’s *Music and the Spoken Word* Veterans Day broadcast will not only honor those who have so nobly served our country but also commemorate the 150th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address.

The Choir is teaming up with GettyReady, a grassroots initiative that has partnered with the Utah Commission on Civic and Character Education, the Utah State Office of Education and others to provide lessons and resource materials to Utah teachers and students studying American history this year.

“We think it is fitting that we celebrate this historic anniversary of the Gettysburg Address with America’s Choir,” said John Adams, co-founder and one of the directors of GettyReady. “Over 100 local community and faith leaders will attend this special broadcast in recognition of the timeless principles of the Gettysburg Address.”

President Lincoln delivered the 272 word Gettysburg Address on November 19, 1863 on the battlefield near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. In the battle at Gettysburg over ten thousand Americans lost their lives. This famous speech was given at the dedication of the cemetery for Union soldiers who fought and died in the battle. In the address Lincoln expressed the importance for Americans to remember the sacrifice made by all soldiers who fought and died in the battle. Even though the speech was barely 3 minutes it has become one of American’s most famous speeches of all time.

“Our partnership with GettyReady is an example of how music and history can inspire and carry a message of hope and patriotism to the hearts of its listeners” said Mormon Tabernacle Choir President Ron Jarrett, “This is a time to reflect on the sacrifices made on both sides by those who fought for this country and laid the foundation for a great nation.”

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In addition to patriotic musical numbers and a special message on the Gettysburg Address, those who attend the broadcast in person will receive a written copy of the famous speech.

Music and the Spoken Word's Veteran's Day broadcast will air live on November 10, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. (U.S. Mountain Time) on NBC affiliate KSL-TV5, KSL Radio 102.7 FM/1160 AM, streaming on ksl.com, BYUtv's broadcast and streaming signals, satellite carriers Dish Network and DirecTV, SiriusXM BYU Radio channel 143 and on the Mormon Channel streaming signal.

For more than eight decades – nearly the lifetime of radio – the Mormon Tabernacle Choir has presented a weekly music program, *Music and the Spoken Word*, without interruption, giving voice to peace, hope, inspiration and the goodness of God.

Today, *Music and the Spoken Word* is viewed with increasing frequency on social media channels, such as YouTube and Facebook, by people around the world, from the United States and Chile to the Philippines and England. For more information, visit musicandthespokenword.org.

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