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Contest Winner Will Conduct Mormon Tabernacle Choir This Month

7 February 2013 (Salt Lake City) Last June the [Mormon Tabernacle Choir](#) invited fans across the United States to enter the Conduct the Choir Video Facebook Contest for a chance to conduct the choir's 360 powerful voices.

After numerous video entries and more than 18,000 votes were cast, **Justin Lewis**, a flight commander in the United States Air Force and married father of two from Pennsylvania, was declared the winner.

His video entry can be seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnKQ3MW1yyk>

Lewis is no stranger to conducting a choir, being the associate conductor of the United States Air Force Heritage of America Band. Shortly after winning the contest, Lewis entered basic training at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama and was unable to perform with the choir last year. The choir worked with him to pick a date and will now fly Lewis and his wife to Salt Lake City the week of Valentine's Day.

Lewis will conduct the choir on **Sunday, 17 February**, immediately following the *Music and the Spoken Word* broadcast. He will conduct Beethoven's "Hallelujah Chorus" from *Christ on the Mount of Olives*. Lewis will also have the opportunity to sing amidst the choir during the Thursday night rehearsal that week.

About Justin Lewis:

Lewis is the associate conductor of the United States Air Force Heritage of America Band. He has served as executive director of the Pennsylvania Suzuki Institute and music director of the Mormon Orchestra of Washington, D.C. He recently completed a master's degree in orchestral conducting at Penn State University.

The Mormon Tabernacle Choir has recorded nearly 200 albums over the past 100 years, with five gold records, two platinum records and a Grammy. Their latest recording, *Teach Me To Walk in the Light and Other Children's Favorites*, is now available in stores and on iTunes.

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