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## Mormon Tabernacle Choir to Perform at Constitution Day Concert

Salt Lake City — The historic Tabernacle on Temple Square will ring with America's favorite anthems on Friday, 14 September 2012, as the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square present the Freedoms Foundation Concert celebrating the 225th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution.

The program will open with "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "This Land Is Your Land" and conclude with "God Bless America" and the Choir's Grammy Award-winning favorite, "Battle Hymn of the Republic." The program also features music of the masters and music from the American songbook, including "Seventy-Six Trombones" and "Count Your Blessings Instead of Sheep."

New choir president Ron Jarrett says, "The choir is thrilled to perform at this concert. We feel the songs we have chosen are fitting representations of America — its vitality, its courage, its heritage and its bright future."

Bill Perry, president of the Utah chapter of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, hopes that concertgoers feel the spirit of patriotism through the choir's music. "Patriotic music unites us and reminds us of what it means to be American citizens. We can't think of a better way to celebrate the signing of the Constitution than with the combined voices of 'America's Choir.'"

The concert is a fitting tribute for a nation founded on the inspiring words penned on 17 September 1787: "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

In addition to the choir's performance, Thomas S. Monson, President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will be recognized with a special award by the Freedoms Foundation for his outstanding service on the Foundation's Board of Directors from 1974 to 1978.

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Tabernacle. Tickets are not required. For further information, visit [www.lds.org/events](http://www.lds.org/events).

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