

**24th Annual Hagemann Award for Musical Performance
Final Competition – July 28, 2006**

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July 13, 2006, New Harmony, Indiana – Finals for the 24th annual Hagemann Award for Musical Performance will be held in the form of a free public concert on July 28, 2006. The competition for this prestigious award begins at 8:00 p.m. in historic Thrall's Opera House in New Harmony, Indiana. Finalists are chosen from area high school students.

The Hagemann Award for Musical Performance was created in 1983 by Mt. Vernon, Indiana, native Philip Hagemann, a conductor and composer living in New York. The event is co-sponsored by Historic New Harmony. The winner will receive a \$550 cash prize plus an Alexander Scholarship valued at approximately \$2,000 to apply to post-high school education. Each of the semi-finalists will receive a \$200 cash prize.

This year's finalists are Daniel A. Greenwell, a tenor from Mt. Vernon High School, Andrea Wenzel, a mezzo-soprano from New Harmony High School, and Kelcie Yarbor, a percussionist from North Posey High School. Each will present a short program. Following the concert, audience members are invited to a reception during which they can greet the participating students.

New Harmony is located approximately thirty miles northwest of Evansville, Indiana. Directions and further information about Historic New Harmony are available at www.newharmony.org. The concert is free to the public and no tickets are necessary.

Historic New Harmony is a unified program of the University of Southern Indiana and the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites. **Members of the press are welcome.**

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