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HARMONIEFEST

Annual New Harmony celebration will feature illuminated manuscripts and Harmonist tradition

NEW HARMONY, IN (January 11, 2008) - Historic New Harmony and Harmonie Associates will co-sponsor the annual **Harmoniefest** celebration on Friday, February 15, 2008 at Thrall's Opera House. Harmoniefest is free to the public and will begin with a pitch-in dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by John M. Lawrence's lecture at 7:30 p.m.

This year's celebration will feature a presentation on "German Medieval Manuscript Symbolism and the Harmonist Tradition," by John M. Lawrence, Medieval and Renaissance Manuscript Consultant. His presentation will include some of the earliest printed German Bible leaves which are illuminated, as well as, other illuminated manuscripts. He will draw on how the Lutheran Bible had a unique relationship to the Harmonists. Lawrence will also discuss how the relationship of the Harmonist printing tradition originated from the German tradition.

"Harmonie Associates is once again honored to co-sponsor this historic event and is honored to have Mr. Lawrence as the 2008 presenter," said Martha Raske, Harmonie Associates President.

Harmoniefest celebrates the official founding of the Harmonie Society in 1805 and the date each year new members were invited to join the group. Members of the Society, led by George Rapp, founded what would become New Harmony in 1814.

About Historic New Harmony:

Historic New Harmony is a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve New Harmony's utopian legacy by inspiring renewal and fellowship between people and communities through its programs and collections. Historic New Harmony is a unified program of the University of Southern Indiana and the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites. For more information on Historic New Harmony, please visit www.newharmony.org.

About Harmonie Associates:

Harmonie Associates is a community organization founded in 1964 to preserve and promote the history of New Harmony.

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