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HARMONIEFEST: How Sweet it Is!

NEW HARMONY, IN (January 29, 2010) – Long standing New Harmony residents and newcomers to town are invited to help celebrate *Harmoniefest*, Friday, February 12, at Thrall’s Opera House. Event organizers are keeping this years’ celebration sweet and simple with a desserts-only carry-in starting at 6:30 p.m., a visiting high school band concert at 7 p.m., and an open invitation for everyone in town to attend.

Harmoniefest is a community gathering in the tradition of the original Harmonie Society, marking the official day the Society welcomed new members. The contemporary version of this 200-year tradition offers the same basic benefit: it’s a chance for New Harmony citizens to reconnect, and put names with faces.

Historic New Harmony and Harmonie Associates, who co-sponsor the annual event, are pleased that citizens have suggested new ideas for *Harmoniefest*, which include adding a “kids’ corner” for families that want to attend the event, and an “information station” where local businesses and organizations can offer information.

Connie Weinzapfel, Historic New Harmony director, said people like the idea of switching to a dessert bar, and having more time to socialize over a cup of coffee.

Organizers are pleased to bring the Merrol Hyde Magnet School band to this years’ community celebration of friends, food and music. With an enrollment of about 650 in grades K-12, the

magnet school offers a classical academic focus using a philosophy of educating the whole child.

The band will be travelling from Hendersonville, Tennessee for this special performance of 19th century American music, including Harmonist and Golden Troupe songs for *Harmoniefest*.

Please bring your favorite dessert to share; printed information about your organization, church, business or service is welcome. Thrall's Opera House is located at 612 Church Street in New Harmony. For more information about *Harmoniefest*, call 812.682.4488.

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