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**EMPIRE STATE LYRIC THEATRE AND NAZARETH'S
CASA ITALIANA PRESENT HANDEL'S MESSIAH,
SATURDAY, DEC. 19**

The joyful strains of the "Hallelujah Chorus" will ring from the rafters of Nazareth College's Linehan Chapel on Saturday, December 19, at 7:30 p.m., when Empire State Lyric Theater and Genesee Valley Orchestra and Chorus present Handel's "Messiah."

In an intimate, candlelit setting, the one-time-only concert, hosted by Nazareth College's Casa Italiana, brings together the talented voices of soprano Susan Cotroneo, mezzo-soprano Anne Marie Wilcox, tenor Pablo Bustos and bass JJ Hudson, with the full chorus and orchestra under the direction of Raffaele Ponti. It's a perfect way to celebrate the season!

Tickets to the concert and pre-concert reception at the Golisano Academic Center are \$75. Tickets for the concert alone start at \$25. Discounts for groups of more than ten available. Tickets can be purchased on the Empire State Lyric Theatre's website at www.empirestatelyrictheatre.org. For more information, please call the Casa Italiana at (585) 389-2468.