ROCK ISLAND, IL (11/29/2011)(readMedia)-- Augustana presents its fourth annual Christmas at Augustana holiday concert-which has nearly sold out in previous years-on Friday, Dec. 2, at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m. in Centennial Hall (3703 7th Ave.). More than 300 students in the college's choirs, brass ensemble and orchestra will join together to share music with audience members in what promises to be a warm and memorable holiday experience for all.

From your area this includes:

Hannah Barney , a Junior from Bettendorf, Iowa, majoring in Business Administration-Marketing/Communication Studies.

Elizabeth Kuster , a Sophomore from Bettendorf, Iowa, majoring in Creative Writing.

Anthony TouVelle , a First Year from Bettendorf, Iowa, majoring in Undecided.

Kaleigh Wall , a Junior from Eldridge, Ill., majoring in Art.

Steven Ray Trent , a Sophomore from Eldridge, Iowa, majoring in Geology.

Ashley Finley , a Sophomore from Davenport, Iowa, majoring in Music Education Instrumental.

Peter Wiese , a Junior from Davenport, Iowa, majoring in Neuroscience/Mathematics.

Guy Iaccarino , a Senior from Davenport, Iowa, majoring in Music General/Anthropology.

Abigail Jones , a Sophomore from Davenport, Iowa, majoring in Biology/Environmental Studies.

Rickey Rector , a Junior from Davenport, Iowa, majoring in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Nick Kendell , a Sophomore from Davenport, Iowa, majoring in Undecided.

Ingrid  Schneider , a First Year from Davenport, Iowa, majoring in Undecided.

Benjamin Knapper , a First Year from Davenport, Iowa, majoring in Undecided.

Adam Bengfort , a First Year from Davenport, Iowa, majoring in Undecided.

Christine Harb , a First Year from Davenport, Iowa, majoring in Undecided.

Manisha Kumar , a Junior from Davenport, Iowa, majoring in Biology/Pre-Medicine.

Anne VanSpeybroek , a Junior from Rock Island, Ill., majoring in Music Performance-Instrumental.

Timothy  Murga , a Senior from Rock Island, Ill., majoring in Biology.

Monica Hill , a Sophomore from Carbon Cliff, Ill., majoring in Business Administration-Advising.

Lindsey Sikorski , a First Year from East Moline, Ill., majoring in Undecided.

Samantha McGreer , a First Year from Illinois City, Ill., majoring in Undecided.

Samantha Kammerman , a First Year from Milan, Ill., majoring in Undecided.

Laurel Williams , a Senior from Milan, Ill., majoring in Communication Sciences and Disorders/English.

Jacob McManus , a First Year from Reynolds, Ill., majoring in Undecided.

Lauren Reid , a Senior from Sherrard, Ill., majoring in Business Administration-Marketing/Communication Studies.

Elyzia Powers , a First Year from Silvis, Ill., majoring in Undecided.

Jennifer Youngs , a Senior from Taylor Ridge, Ill., majoring in Psychology/Political Science.

Megan Keller , a Senior from Taylor Ridge, Ill., majoring in Communication Studies.

Christmas at Augustana is one of a series of performances planned for the Christmas season. The Handel Oratorio Society, a choir that combines the vocal talents of Augustana students and Quad-City community members, along with the professional Handel Oratorio Society Chamber Orchestra and guest soloists, will perform Handel's *Messiah* on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. in continuation of an annual tradition. The event will be held in Centennial Hall (3703 7th Ave.).

Tickets for both Christmas at Augustana and *Messiah* are available at www.augustana.edu/tickets or by calling (309) 794-7306
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The Augustana Chamber Singers and the Office of Campus Ministries will present Lessons and Carols on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. This beautiful Advent service chronicles the preparation of Christ's birth through songs and readings in Ascension Chapel (on campus at 820 38th St.). The event is free and open to the public.