



## **Celebrating Joplin's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Be a Part of the CELEBRATION CHORUS!**

**When: Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m.**

**Where: Newly Renovated TAYLOR PERFORMING ARTS CENTER on the campus of Missouri Southern State University**

We need men and women of all ages to join us as a part of the Celebration Chorus with two BIG Shows featuring the BEST in Barbershop and the BEST in Ragtime. We will have three rehearsals and a technical rehearsal before the Friday Night and Saturday Night Shows. You will be supplied with music and learning tracks: no auditions and no requirements to attend all the rehearsals. We just want people who love to sing! **The Taylor Performing Arts Center holds 1,800 seats, and the tickets will be FREE.** (except for a few VIP Seats on Saturday Night)

Be a part of a 200 – 300-person chorus to celebrate Percy Wenrich, the Joplin Kid (renowned Ragtime Pianist and Composer) with Steve Spracklen and the Heartland Concert Band and featuring the World Champion Men's Barbershop Quartet, "Quorum," along with Rising Start Champions Sweet Adeline Quartet, "Duly Noted"!

On Friday night, we'll be singing "Dear Hearts and Gentle People," "Moonlight Bay (Percy Wenrich), and "After You've Gone."

On Saturday night, we'll be singing "When You Wore A Tulip and Put On Your Old Grey Bonnet" (Percy Wenrich). A special Patriotic Finale of "You're A Grand Old Flag / This Is My Country / God Bless America arranged and directed especially for the chorus by Dr. Jim Henry, Director of Choral Studies, University of Missouri, Saint Louis!

### **Rehearsal dates are as follows:**

- **Tuesday, February 21, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Forest Park Baptist Church, Joplin, MO\***
- **Tuesday, March 21, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Forest Park Baptist Church, Joplin, MO**
- **Tuesday, April 4, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Forest Park Baptist Church, Joplin, MO**
- **Thursday, April 13, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. at Missouri Southern State University**

**For more information and Digital Music, contact:**

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\*Forest Park Baptist Church is located at the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Range Line Road, Joplin, MO. The official address is 725 S. Highview Ave.... but if you look to the SW corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Range Line Road, you can't miss it.