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Youngstown Welcomes Multiple Grammy Winner, Bill Gaither & Gaither Vocal Band

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On Thursday, March 16th at Stambaugh Auditorium in Youngstown, OH, multi-Grammy Award-winner Bill Gaither will host a spectacular evening of music, laughter, and encouragement featuring the talent of the prestigious Gaither Vocal Band. Tickets for this show go on sale through the Florence and Ward Beecher Box Office at Stambaugh Auditorium on Monday, January 23rd at 10am. This performance is presented by Premier Productions.

The Gaither Vocal Band, with the all-star line-up of David Phelps, Wes Hampton, Adam Crabb, Todd Suttles, and Bill Gaither, will share timeless gospel classics, as well as refreshing, inspiring new favorites embraced by audiences of all ages and backgrounds. Few events have the ability to unite individuals from all walks of life the way Gaither concerts do.

Year after year, Bill Gaither has brought the Homecoming Tour into cities worldwide, performing to packed houses with collective attendance figures exceeding 1.1 million people, and being ranked among the top concerts for tickets sold worldwide in any music genre during the past decade. Each concert showcases gospel music's finest talent and draws new listeners with every city. This tour stop will feature the multi-award winning Gaither Vocal Band and showcase many of the songs included on their latest, *Better Together* recording. Joining The Gaither Vocal Band for this special evening will be talented female vocalist, Charlotte Ritchie and powerful male vocalist Gene McDonald, as well as guitarist and comedian, Kevin Williams.

Bill Gaither continues to delight in the audiences' response to the concerts. "I've always said it all starts with a great song, and we are fortunate that each concert includes great songs that have stood the test of time. With all the musical choices that are available now, there is still a special place for the joy and optimism that reside in Gospel music. Good news never gets old." This concert will celebrate timeless themes of faith, unity and eternal hope through a variety of music the whole family will enjoy.

Tickets for the Gaither Vocal Band are available starting Monday, January 23rd at 10am through the Florence and Ward Beecher Box Office at Stambaugh Auditorium. For more information or for tickets, visit stambaughauditorium.com or call 330-259-0555. The Box Office is open Monday-Friday, 9am-6pm and Saturday 10am-2pm. Group tickets are also available by calling the box office directly. You can also visit www.gaither.com or www.premierproductions.com for more information.

About Stambaugh Auditorium:

Stambaugh Auditorium is a non-profit public auditorium which opened in 1926 through the generous gift of Youngstown area businessman Henry H. Stambaugh. The centerpiece of the complex is the Concert Hall which has a seating capacity of 2,553 and is renowned for its near perfect acoustics. The auditorium also features a 9,700-square-foot ballroom (Jeanne D. Tyler Grand Ballroom), a recital hall (Anne K. Christman Memorial Hall), and a formal garden at the southern end of the building, all of which can be rented for public, business, or private functions. The venue welcomes national and international performers on a regular basis while also hosting local and regional events many of which use the Florence and Ward Beecher Box Office to sell and distribute tickets. Stambaugh Auditorium was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.