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**University of Minnesota, Morris Concert Choir Touring East Coast and Canada in March**

*Summary: The University of Minnesota, Morris Concert Choir is touring the East Coast and Canada for the next two weeks.*

(March 9, 2012)-The University of Minnesota, Morris Concert Choir is touring the East Coast and Canada for the next two weeks. The 67 person choir, Directed by Associate Professor of Music Ken Hodgson, will perform a series of seven concerts between March 10 and March 25, 2012. The tour will begin with stops in Delaware and Maryland, then move north up the Eastern Seaboard to Massachusetts, Maine, and on into Canada. The tour will culminate back home in Morris, where the choir will give their final performance on March 25th, at 3 p.m. at the HFA Recital Hall on the Morris campus.

“Touring is a vital part of a choir’s existence,” said Hodgson, who founded the Concert Choir in 1978. “We want to share what we produce with others.”

Since 1978, the Concert Choir has gained a national and international reputation for its performing excellence. Under Hodgson's direction, the choir has toured the East and West Coasts numerous times and has traveled throughout the Midwest. Two concert tours have been made through central Canada, and the choir made a concert tour to Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Germany in 1983 and 1987. The choir toured the United Kingdom in 2003 and the Scandinavian countries again in 2007.

According to Hodgson, touring is a tradition that Morris has upheld for more than 30 years. It gives students the opportunity to visit diverse places while performing pieces by such artists as Johann Sebastian Bach and George Frideric Handel. Throughout the 2012 tour, Hodgson expects to perform before a total audience of 1,500 to 1,800.

East Coast Tour Schedule:

Saturday, March 10, 2012 (Wilmington, DE)  
Concert: 7:30 p.m.  
Brandywine Valley Baptist Church  
7 Mt. Lebanon Rd.

Sunday, March 11, 2012 (Ocean City, MD)  
Concert: 4 p.m.  
St. Peters Lutheran Church  
10301 Coastal Hwy

Wednesday, March 14, 2012 (Auburn, MA)  
Concert: 7:30 p.m.  
Bethel Lutheran Church

90 Bryn Mawr Ave

Thursday, March 15, 2012 (Bangor, Maine)

Concert: 7:30 p.m.

Redeemer Lutheran Church

540 Essex Street

Saturday, March 17, 2012 (Moncton, NB, Canada)

Concert: 7:30 p.m.

St. John's United Church

75 Alma St

Monday, March 19, 2012 (Quebec City, Quebec, Canada)

Concert: 9:30 a.m.

Quebec High School

Sunday, March 25, 2012 (Morris, MN)

Concert: 3 p.m.

Humanities Fine Arts building, Recital Hall

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