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Symphonic Winds presents final 2010 Concert

Summary: The concert features holiday favorites and David Maslanka's Symphony No. 5.

(November 24, 2010)-The Symphonic Winds, conducted by Martin H. Seggelke, assistant professor of music and music discipline coordinator, is proud to present its last concert of 2010 on Saturday, December 11, at 3 p.m. in the Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall. As every year, this closing event promises to be the rousing climax of the ensemble's hard work, highlighting the annual large symphony feature.

December's concert opens with a lively combination of holiday favorites played by Morris TubaChristmas ensemble, a campus-community group spearheaded by Michael Odello, tuba instructor. Also headlining the performance is UMM junior and Morris Academic Partner Alexandra Weber, Milbank, South Dakota, who will conduct Percy Grainger's "The Sussex Mummers' Christmas Carol."

The concert will close with a grand finale. The Symphonic Winds will perform David Maslanka's Symphony No. 5. Maslanka, an American composer, writes for a variety of genres, including works for choir, wind ensemble, chamber groups, and orchestra. Best known for his highly acclaimed wind ensemble compositions, he is considered by many to be the foremost active composer for the medium. Maslanka has published nearly 100 pieces, including eight Symphonies (six of them for wind ensemble), nine concerti, and a full mass. His compositional style is characteristically rhythmically intense and can be extremely complex, yet it also possesses at points an underlying delicate beauty. He is a composer who works from a meditative standpoint of spiritual inspiration, and this gentle, warm, spiritual quality can be felt in his music.

The UMM Symphonic Winds is comprised of more than 70 musicians, both music majors and nonmajors, who join together to perform numerous concerts on campus during each academic year. While offering students opportunities to expand their technical, intellectual, and musical horizons, the UMM Symphonic Winds seeks to broaden performance and teaching skills by cultivating an interest in the wind ensemble as an integral part of the American music scene.

Tickets for the event will be sold at the door, and reserved tickets are available for purchase in advance at the information desk in the Student Center. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and senior citizens, and \$1 for UMM students with ID. For more information, please contact the Division of the Humanities Office at 320-589-6250.

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