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**Festival of the Winds celebration presents a musical collaboration**

*Summary: The annual festival offers guest artists, master classes, recitals, and concert.*

(November 2, 2010)-The University of Minnesota, Morris (UMM) Symphonic Winds, under the direction of Martin H. Seggelke, assistant professor of music, presents its fifth annual Festival of the Winds celebration during the week of November 1, 2010. The festival promises a multitude of exciting events for participants and listeners alike, including a concert, conducting symposium, guest artists, master classes, solo recitals, and more.

Guest conductor Ricky Fleming, associate professor of music and director of bands at Buffalo State College in Buffalo, New York, where he conducts the Buffalo State College Wind and Jazz Ensembles, will conduct the UMM Symphonic Winds in concert on November 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Humanities Fine Arts (HFA) Recital Hall. Fleming is the founding conductor of the Erie County Chamber Winds and conductor of the Buffalo Silver Brass Band.

During the week leading up to the concert on November 5, Fleming will hold open rehearsals in the HFA Recital Hall on Thursday at 3:45 p.m. and Friday at 3:30 p.m. He will also present a conducting symposium on Friday at 1 p.m. in HFA 180.

Guest soloist, Arthur Haecker, instructor of trombone and euphonium in the Petrie School of Music at Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina, will join the Symphonic Winds in the open rehearsals and for the Friday evening concert. Before joining the Music Performance faculty at Converse, Haecker was principal trombonist of the Amman Symphony Orchestra in Amman, Jordan, and earlier performed with such groups as the Atlanta Pops Orchestra, the Illinois Opera, and the Illinois Symphony.

On Tuesday, November 2, Haecker will present on Middle Eastern music at 2 p.m. in HFA 185, hold a master class for jazz combos at 6 p.m., and a master class for all musicians at 7:30 p.m. in the HFA Recital Hall. On Wednesday, he will lead a master class for jazz ensembles at 11:45 a.m. in HFA 180 and will perform a trombone solo recital on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the HFA Recital Hall.

All events are open to the public. All festival events are free except the Friday evening concert. Tickets for the concert will be sold at the door at \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and senior citizens, and \$1 for UMM students with ID.

The UMM Symphonic Winds is comprised of more than 70 musicians, both music majors and nonmajors, who join together to perform several 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.

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