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Summary: The University of Minnesota, Morris Symphonic Winds will present their final performance of the 2008-2009 academic year at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 3, in the Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall on the Morris campus.

(April 20, 2009)-The University of Minnesota, Morris Symphonic Winds will present their final performance of the 2008-2009 academic year at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 3, in the Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall on the Morris campus.

The program, conducted by Dr. Martin H. Seggelke, will consist of several works, including solo concerto performances by seniors Kati Hamlin, piano, and Brian Kotila, euphonium. Senior Adam Schmiesing will lead from the podium as student conductor for “Epinicion” by John Paulson. The concert promises a variety of material that is certain to appeal to a wide range of musical tastes.

The much-anticipated capstone of this month's event will be “Music for Prague 1968” by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Karel Husa. Written to memorialize the crushing of the Prague Spring reform movement in Czechoslovakia in 1968 by Soviet forces, “Music for Prague 1968” is considered by music experts to be one of the hallmark compositions for the wind ensemble medium and has enjoyed over 7,000 performances to date.

The Morris campus Symphonic Winds are comprised of over 70 musicians, both music majors and non-majors 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 Morris Symphonic Winds seek 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 in advance at the Information Desk in the campus Student Center as well as at the door on the day of the concert. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and children, and \$1 for students with Morris campus ID. A beverage reception will follow the concert at no additional cost. For additional information, please contact the Morris campus Music Office at (320) 589-6234.

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