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### **Flutes join UMM Flute Ensemble**

*Summary: The UMM Flute Ensemble welcomes two new additions to its membership, an alto and a bass flute. The flutes will be permanent additions to the ensemble, which is comprised of UMM, high school and community flutists.*

(February 28, 2006)-The University of Minnesota, Morris Flute Ensemble welcomes two new additions to its membership, an alto and a bass flute which were recently acquired by the UMM music discipline. The bass flute was purchased from funds contributed by generous donors. The flutes will be permanent additions to the ensemble, which, thanks to the generosity of Morris resident Susan Brooks, had been using Brooks' alto flute as needed. When the ensemble is fully assembled, the 'harmony flute' section will now include three altos and a bass flute.

The ensemble was organized for UMM's fall 2003 semester by musical director Jeanne Richards, adjunct music faculty member at UMM. Approximately eight to 10 flutists comprise the group each semester. Members may elect to take ensemble membership for UMM course credit.

Since December 1991, a large Christmas Flute Ensemble has provided prelude music for the Carol Concerts performed annually by the UMM Concert Choir. In the past two years, the ensemble, which includes high school and community flutists, has grown from the original membership of eight players to 18, including the smaller UMM Flute Ensemble.

The semester's first ensemble performance will be given during a Mixed Student Recital at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 30, in Recital Hall of Humanities Fine Arts at UMM. In addition, a flute recital by guest artist Dr. Elizabeth Hoffman, former UMM music major from Springfield, Ore., will be given at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 21, also in HFA Recital Hall. The UMM Flute Ensemble will accompany Dr. Hoffman on the "Goldfinch Concerto in D Major" by Vivaldi, most often heard with a keyboard or string accompaniment. Both performances are free and open to the public.

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