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University of Minnesota, Morris  
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For Immediate Release

Minnesota's newest symphony orchestra will make its debut in Morris May 9 on the final program of the University of Minnesota, Morris Artist Course series.

Directed by Ralph E. Williams, assistant professor of music at the University of Minnesota, Morris, the orchestra was organized five weeks ago with a dozen strings and two dozen wind and percussion players.

Coming to Morris to rehearse in Edson Hall every Friday from as far as 45 miles away, many of the string players hadn't had an opportunity for many years to play in an orchestra.

One new string player has been added each week since rehearsals were initiated. The section now includes musicians from Alexandria, Clinton, Glenwood, Herman, Morris, Ortonville, and Starbuck. With the addition of players who plan to join later in the spring and in the fall, Professor Williams anticipates a string section of about two dozen next year.