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UMM CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL CONCERT TO BE NOVEMBER 28

The season's first concert by the University of Minnesota, Morris Music Department will feature the UMM orchestra and all campus choral groups. The performance is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, at 8 p.m. in Edson Hall auditorium on the Morris campus.

The orchestra, directed by Ralph E. Williams, associate professor of music at UMM, will open the concert with a group of numbers including selections from "Hansel and Gretel" by E. Humperdinck and the First Movement of Vivaldi's "Violin Concerto Opus 3 No. 6" which will feature the first violin section. Organized last February, the 50-piece orchestra includes musicians who travel to weekly rehearsals from as far as 45 miles away, in addition to UMM students.

The UMM mixed chorus, which has been increased in size to 60 voices this year, will follow the orchestra on the program. Notable among their selections will be the contrapuntal work by Jacobus Gallus, "Ascendit Deus", with Latin text. The 16th century religious work is written in five parts with each part weaving its own melodic phrases.

"Christmastide", with words and music by Ralph Williams, will be sung by the mixed chorus with Kathleen Struckmann, UMM freshman from Appleton, as soloist. A delightful French song, "Il est bel et bon" (He is good and handsome), sung in both English and French, is also on their program.

The 36-voice men's chorus, which won wide acclaim last year, will open with selections by Tschesnokoff and Sibelius. The chorus will also sing a number by Norman Luboff, "Carmen Carmela", which will be sung in both English and Spanish, and will close with the lively spiritual, "Rock - a My Soul."

"Tales from the Vienna Woods" by Johan Strauss will be presented by the orchestra following an intermission. Two excerpts from Tschalkovsky's Sixth Symphony" will also be played.

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The evening's finale will combine all campus choral groups into a 100-voice chorus accompanied by the orchestra for two selections. The group, which will include the men's chorus, mixed chorus and the West Central School of Agriculture mixed chorus, will sing "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring", from J. S. Bach's "Cantata No. 147", and "Swell the Full Chorus", from Handel's oratorio "Solomon".

Tickets for the concert are being sold by chorus and orchestra members and will be available at the door Tuesday evening at \$1.00 for adults and \$.75 for students.