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For Immediate Release

The voices of the Minneapolis Madrigal Singers will be heard in concert at 8 p.m. tonight (Tuesday) in Edson Hall at the University of Minnesota, Morris. The performance will be the third in the University Artist Course series.

The 30-voice choir, directed by Frederic Hilary, is largely composed of singers who are directors of music at churches and schools in the Twin City area.

In their Morris appearance the Madrigal Singers will feature several rarely-heard works, drawing on a repertoire that spans five centuries of choral music. The two major works programmed will be the "Magnificat" of Charles Pachelbel and "The Shepherd's Christmas Songs" by Bela Bartok.

Written for eight voices and continuo, the "Magnificat" is the only known published work of the son of the renowned composer Johann Pachelbel. The Bartok songs are brief carol sketches, some only 15 seconds in length, translated into English from the Hungarian text.