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Upcoming Orchestral and Choral Concert

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For Immediate Release

Three musical organizations of the University of Minnesota, Morris will combine their talents in this season's final orchestral and choral concert on Tuesday, May 15. Under the direction of Ralph E. Williams, associate professor of music at UMM, the concert is scheduled to begin at 8 P. M. in Edson Hall auditorium.

The 50-piece UMM symphony orchestra, the 62-voice mixed chorus and the 36-voice men's chorus will take part in the program. In addition 60 high school seniors from ten West Central Minnesota communities will augment the 90 UMM voices in three selections at the end of the concert.

Four to eight seniors from each of ten communities including Clinton, Hancock, Wheaton, Glenwood, Ortonville, Starbuck, Chokio, Murdock, Hoffman, and Morris will lend their voices in the singing of a selection by Mendelssohn, a composition by Professor Williams and the "UMM Hymn."

The UMM orchestra, composed of musicians from throughout west central Minnesota, will open the program. Organized a year ago, the orchestra includes housewives, businessmen and teachers in both music and academic fields who travel to weekly rehearsals from as far as 45 miles away. UMM students and Morris musicians make up the remainder of the group.

The mixed chorus, a favorite in previous music department concerts, will sing several selections including an original composition by Professor Williams, "Roots and Leaves," which has been used by choruses across the nation.

The 36-voice men's chorus will include in their segment of the concert several of the selections that they will sing at the Seattle World's Fair during the opening ceremonies on Minnesota Day, June 12.

Tickets for Tuesday's concert are being sold by chorus and orchestra members and will be available at the door at one dollar for adults and 50 cents for students.