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22nd Annual University of Saint Mary Oratorio with Benedictine College Highlights Spring Musical Events *3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Annunciation Chapel*

(Leavenworth, Kan.)— The combined concert chorales of the University of Saint Mary and Benedictine College in Atchison, Kan., — featuring the soaring sound of 110 voices — will present their annual Spring Oratorio at USM’s Leavenworth campus, 4100 South 4th Street, at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, in Annunciation Chapel.

The concert is free and open to the public. The performance will be repeated at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 5, on the Benedictine campus.

The tradition-rich concert will feature John Rutter’s *Requiem*. Also on the program are two anthems by Rutter as well as Randall Thompson’s *Alleluia* for a cappella choir.

“Both of those pieces employ such breathtakingly beautiful lines and harmonies that both performers and listeners are moved by the other-worldly musical experience,” said Freda Proctor, assistant professor of music at USM. “This is a wonderful experience for our Concert Chorale.”

Proctor will direct the combined choir, and Dr. Ruth Krusemark, chair of Benedictine’s music department, will accompany on organ. Sister Gloria Solomon, of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, will play timpani.

Also this month: USM senior Katie Lowe will perform her Senior Piano Recital at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 22, in the Walnut Room of Mead Hall. Lowe’s program will include a Mozart sonata, a Chopin nocturne, and works by Edvard Grieg, Peter Tchaikovsky, and Aaron Copland. The recital is free and open to the public.

Lowe, of Leavenworth, maintains her own private studio of 14 elementary, middle, and high school piano students. The Lansing High graduate is studying criminology and English at USM, and plans to attend law school at Baylor University.

Call 913-758-6320 for more information.

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