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University of Saint Mary Welcomes Spring with Annual Chorale and Band Concerts

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—The University of Saint Mary will present two uplifting seasonal music events this month: the annual USM Community Band Spring Concert at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, and “A Celtic Celebration,” this year’s edition of the university’s Spring Choral Pops Concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 25. Both concerts will be held in Saint Joseph Dining Hall on USM’s Leavenworth campus, 4100 South 4th Street.

Both events are free and open to the public.

The Community Band Spring Concert will feature varied selections, ranging from Bach’s “Choral from Cantata No. 79,” to Louis Prima’s big band piece “Sing, Sing, Sing.”

The band, under the direction of USM Assistant Professor of Music Freda Proctor, will also perform arrangements from two symphonic works, and the USM string ensemble will join the band for a Wagner piece.

The USM Community band is made up of university students, faculty and staff, alumni, and local musicians.

April 25’s Spring Choral Pops Concert, “A Celtic Celebration,” will feature a variety of Irish, Gaelic, and Scottish songs, including “The Last Rose of Summer,” “Too-Ra-Loo-Ra-Loo-Ral,” and “When Irish Eyes are Smiling.” USM Concert Chorale and student soloists will also perform contemporary hit tunes. Leavenworth-Lansing area singers performing include Jenna Schwinn, Korena Leach, Brittney Atchison, and Patrick Peterson. Instrumentalists include Kailan Riccio on flute and Jillian Warman on Violin, along with Sister Sheila Taylor on the traditional Irish harp.

Dr. William Krusemark, chair of USM’s fine arts department, will direct.

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