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09.25.2007 | Students, Fine Arts, Campus and Community  Selections of Italian music by Puccini, Donizetti, Verdi, Gabrielli and others will be performed 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6 in the Kennedy Union ballroom.

The event will feature performances by UD operatic performing groups including the University of Dayton Opera Workshop, co-directed by Linda Snyder and David Sievers; the University Chorale, conducted by Robert Jones; the University Orchestra, conducted by Jiang Liu; and a horn quartet, coached by Cynthia Carr.

Artist-in-residence in guitar Jim McCutcheon will be special guest soloist.

"The event shows a high degree of collaboration between students and faculty among instruments and vocal ensembles," Snyder said.

The event will showcase three senior soloists, Shannon LaRue, soprano; Lauren Cushman, soprano; and Todd Bodey, tenor. In addition to directing the opera workshop, soprano Snyder and tenor Sievers will also perform solos.

Sievers will dedicate his solo to the late Luciano Pavarotti. The evening will close with the party scene from Verdi's La Traviata.

"This benefit provides us with an opportunity to bring recognition to our UD students whose performances enhance our culture on campus and in the Dayton community," Snyder said.

The music scholarships are given to University of Dayton students who major or minor in a music ensemble. Students must audition for the scholarships.

Tickets are $25 each and include Italian antipasto, desserts and beverages. A cash bar will be available. Space is limited. For tickets call 937-229-2902.