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News Release

HANDS IN HARMONY TO PERFORM AT UD

DAYTON, Ohio, March 16, 1989--Hands in Harmony, the University of Dayton's sign singing ensemble, will present its spring concert on Saturday, April 1 at 8 p.m. in the Kennedy Union Boll Theatre on campus. The performance is free and open to the public.

Developed through the music therapy program at UD, the 16-member group uses sign language to interpret popular music. The group includes students who are majoring in music therapy as well as students majoring in other subjects. Approximately one-third of the performers are not students but members of the Dayton-area community.

"Hands in Harmony presents music differently," said Mary Beth Brown, director of the group and a part-time member of the UD Music Division faculty. "It's a different way of experiencing music because both the auditory and visual aspects are expressed and both can be appreciated by members of the audience. When you see the signs, you get a different perspective of the music."

The ensemble performs to tapes of popular music. The April 1 program will feature "Singing in the Rain," "Me and My Shadow," "I Dreamed A Dream" from the Broadway hit musical "Les Miserables" as well as other songs.

For further information on Hands in Harmony, call the UD Music Division of the Department of Performing and Visual Arts at (513) 229-3936 or Mary Beth Brown at (513) 226-8414.