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NEWS RELEASE

CHORUS VOICES TO FILL UD CHAPEL WITH BLEND OF SEASONAL AND ETHNIC MUSIC

DAYTON, Ohio — With a little bit of Duke Ellington and a little bit of Handel, the University of Dayton Chorale and Choral Union fall concert promises to deliver an enjoyable mix of music that spans centuries, countries and cultures, said Chorale Director Robert Jones.

The concert will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, at UD's Immaculate Conception Chapel. Admission is free and open to the public.

Each chorus is comprised of approximately 40 voices and will perform several selections on a theme.

The chorale, whose members are selected through an audition process, will present a program of Advent-oriented seasonal music featuring a chorus of the "Messiah" by 17th-century German composer George Frederic Handel. The ensemble regularly performs sacred and secular music in a variety of a cappella and accompanied styles that range from Broadway tunes to choral classics of all eras.

The choral union, whose membership is open to anyone interested in singing, will perform the music of African-American composers including Duke Ellington and William Levi Dawson — each of whom were born 100 years ago — and Lena Johnson McLin. Director Donna Cox said the ensemble regularly performs a wide range of choral literature from European and American classical to jazz and spirituals.

The chorale performed a European tour earlier this year, becoming the first UD ensemble to travel abroad. Performances sites included St. Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh, Scotland; St. Paul's Cathedral in London; and Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.

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