

Performing Arts Division to host Winter Concerts

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The Alfred University Chorus, Chamber Singers, and Orchestra will perform their 2012 Winter Concert twice, once Saturday, Dec. 1, at 8 p.m. in Miller Theater, Miller Performing Arts Center, and again on Sunday, Dec. 2, at 3 p.m., at St. Ann's Church, Hornell. The events will also include performances by the Alfred Volunteer Choir Company.

Both events are free of charge and open to the public.

Luanne Crosby, professor of voice and chorus, directs the chorus and chamber singers, with Laurel Buckwalter, musical specialist, serving as accompanist. Lisa Lantz, associate professor of music/strings, is director of the orchestra.

The Alfred University Orchestra will perform Antonio Vivaldi's "Concerto Grosso for Two Violins in D Minor."

The AU Chamber Singers and Alfred Volunteer Choir Company will combine their talents to perform three pieces from Tolstoy's drama "Czar Teodor Ivannovich," composed by Georgy Sviridov. The pieces include "Rejoice, O Virgin," "Sacred Love," and "Verse of Repentance."

Finally, the AU Chorus, Chamber Singers, and Alfred University Orchestra will perform the 12 verses of "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi, with Crosby and Rebecca Weaver Hamm, adjunct professor, performing solos.

Crosby earned bachelor of music and master of music degrees in music education from the State University of New York at Fredonia and a doctor of musical arts degree in vocal performance from the Cleveland Institute of Music and Case Western Reserve University. She has sung professionally with the Cleveland Opera, Aspen (CO) Opera Theater, and Cleveland Chamber Orchestra. Her performance with the Chautauqua Orchestra received praise from the Buffalo Evening News and she has been featured as a soloist on the CD "With Heart and Voice: Anthems Across America."

Lantz earned a bachelor of music degree from the University of Toledo, a master of music degree from the University of Michigan, and Ph.D. in musical arts from Ohio State University. In addition to her positions of music/string professor and director of the Alfred University Orchestra, she also is currently serving as adjunct professor of Italian in the Division of Modern Languages. She has played in many regional orchestras such as the Southern Tier Symphony, for which she served as co-concertmaster, and The Orchestra of the Finger Lakes.