

AU Chorus, Chamber Singers, community choir to present **◆Pipedreams◆**

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Alfred University Chamber Singers

Alfred University's Chorus and Chambers Singers, the Alfred Volunteer Choir Company, and organist Laurel Buckwalter will fill the sanctuary of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church with lullabies and night songs on Sunday, April 15 beginning at 3 p.m. "Pipedreams," music for choir and organ, will provide a dreamy and soothing exploration of various genres of music. Musical selections include "Sleep" and "The Seal Lullaby" by Eric Whitacre; "We Beheld Once Again the Stars" by Z. Randall Stroope; several Disney moments, including Cinderella's famous melody "A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes;" and a rousing Gospel piece. Buckwalter, the University carillonneur and music specialist, will play two movements from the Gothic Suite by Boellmann. "Because of the tight and unusual harmonies in some of the pieces, this has been a challenging program to work on, but I am confident that the singers will rise to the occasion," said Alfred University choral director, Luanne Crosby, professor of voice. Crosby has sung professionally with the Cleveland Opera, Aspen Opera Theater, the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra, Cleveland chamber Orchestra, Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes, and the Fredonia Chamber Players. She has been a frequent guest recitalist at Chautauqua Institution. She teaches music appreciation, American music and world music as well as voice classes and private lessons in voice. Her students have won awards at National Association of Teachers of Singing events and have been accepted into national choirs. Crosby earned a doctorate in musical arts from the Cleveland (Ohio) Institute of Music/Case Western Reserve University, and master's and bachelor's degrees, both in music, from the State University of New York at Fredonia. A graduate of Houghton College with a major in music, Buckwalter earned a master of science degree in education from Alfred University. In addition to her carillon and music specialist duties, Buckwalter is often the piano accompanist for recitalists and choral groups on campus and throughout the area.