

Shorter Chorale aims for beauty, variety in upcoming concert

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For Martha Shaw, there's no better way to welcome spring than with the beautiful voices of the Shorter College Chorale.

The director of the chorale, Shaw is preparing her students for their upcoming spring concert in which they plan to feature a variety of composers and a special tribute to the victims of the recent Virginia Tech tragedy.

"One of the pieces we're doing is a very beautiful one composed by Ticheli, who's from the University of Southern California," Shaw said. "It'll be dedicated to the Virginia Tech students."

Also on the list of pieces for the concert will be works by 20th century com-

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When: Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
What: Spring concert
Where: Brookes Chapel, Shorter College
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posers of all kinds, Shaw said. Spanish compositions, and a piece about an African tribe called "Horizons," are just two of the compositions featured in the first half of the show.

When the second half of the concert begins, the chorale will be performing the "Chichester Psalms," a 25-minute major work by Leonard Bernstein featuring organ, harp and

percussion.

Shorter faculty member and tenor Brian Nedvin will lend his voice to the piece.

"There's a lot of variety to this show," Shaw said proudly. "The mood and texture changes throughout the program making it really interesting to listen to."

And she's all about making it interesting for those performing as well as those listening.

Shaw said her first priority when deciding on music is her students. She tries to give them a variety of styles and musical backgrounds to challenge and inspire them.

"And I always try to be faithful to the Shorter College reputation and its heritage," she added. "But this community's support means so much to us, and we greatly appreci-



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The Shorter College Chorale has performed in New York and Europe.

ate them, that I always try to make our programs interesting for them as well."

The Shorter College Chorale concert takes place Saturday in Brookes Chapel at Shorter College at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors.

Classical, contemporary will come together during Shorter chorus concert

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The Shorter College chorus is all about harmony, and what better way to illustrate that than to invite another vocal group to their performance.

When the chorus presents its concert Sunday, it'll be joined by another Shorter college group, Somethin' Else, in an event that promises to blend two

distinctly different styles of music in one afternoon.

The chorus, an auditioned choir made up of members from Shorter's student body, gives four performances each year and begins this upcoming concert with Mozart's Latin "Gloria," which will feature four student soloists: Megan Free, Grace Nelson, William Lucas and Nathan Saint.

Three movements of Johann Brahms' "Zigeunerlieber" will be

performed by the entire chorus and will feature tenor Dennis Shuman.

But the tone of the concert quickly switches during intermission when the audience will be entertained by the more contemporary, pop sensibilities of campus a capella male group Somethin' Else.

"They're going to be performing during intermission," said Matt Hoch, the chorus' director and assistant professor of music at Shorter. "It should be a

great mix of different styles to go from the chorus' more traditional and classical sound to the cool, contemporary sound of Somethin' Else."

Hoch said the a capella performance is an appropriate transition from one half of the concert to the next because the second half features 20th century compositions by American composers.

The concert featuring the Shorter College chorus and Somethin' Else takes place at 3 p.m. Sunday in the college's

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Kiwanis Club of Rome Art Showcase winners announced

The winners of the 2007 Kiwanis Club of Rome local Art Showcase held on April 12 at the Rome Area Council for the Arts are:

High School Students

Best in Show: Kelly O'Mara, 11th grade, Darlington School (\$500 Scholarship Winner)

First Place: Lacey Haney, 11th grade, Pepperell High

Second Place: Laura Parm, 11th grade, Armuchee High

Third Place: Braulio Bucio, 11th grade, Pepperell High

Middle School Students

First Place: Jordan Sellers, Rome Middle

Second Place: Tabitha Burdick, Armuchee Middle

Third Place: Hope Bethler, Armuchee Middle

Honorable Mention: Astria Zachary, Rome Middle



art by Kelly O'Mara