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BETHANY COLLEGE HONORS SWEDISH HERITAGE

LINDSBORG, Kan.—To honor the heritage of the college, the Bethany Choir, currently celebrating its 75th Anniversary, will perform an all-Swedish concert on Sunday, April 25 at 3 p.m. in Presser Hall.



Joined by the Chamber Choir and directed by Associate Professor of Music Daniel Mahraun, D.M.A., the Bethany Choir will perform works composed by August Söderman, Johan Helmich Roman (in a new performing edition by Mahraun), and Eskil Hemberg, who served as Bethany's Pearson Distinguished Professorship in Swedish Studies in 2000. The concert will open with a motet by Hagbard Brase, founder of the Bethany Choir, and will include the Midwest premiere of the Te Deum setting by American-Swedish jazz composer Steve Dobrogosz.

Choir alumni are invited to join the Bethany Choir in singing the first verse of "Trygarre Kan Ingen Vara" (Children of the Heavenly Father) during the concert. For more information, contact Director of Alumni Relations Molly Johnson at (785) 227-3380, ext. 8286 or johnsonm@bethanylb.edu.

During the concert, Bethany College will also award Gunilla Marcus Luboff with an honorary doctorate. Luboff, born in Bromma, Sweden, has dedicated many years in various capacities to Swedish Broadcasting. Following the death of her husband, famed American conductor Norman Luboff, in 1987, she became owner and publisher of Walton Music. Luboff, through Walton, went on to publish music for such artists as Eskil Hemberg and the Real Group. In recognition of her publishing company's 50th anniversary, her work as a promoter of Scandinavian music and culture in this country, her work as a promoter of choral singing throughout the world and in gratitude for her past and future support of choral singing at Bethany, the college has selected Luboff as a recipient of the honorary doctorate.

This event is free and open to the public.

Bethany College, established by Swedish Lutheran immigrants in 1881, is a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The mission of Bethany College is to educate, develop and challenge individuals to reach for truth and excellence as they lead lives of faith, learning and service. Bethany College is on the Web at www.bethanylb.edu.

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