

Venezuelan Women's Choir to Perform Friday at SWOSU

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The critically-acclaimed Venezuelan women's chorus, *Cantoría Alberto Grau*, under the direction of Professor Maria Guinand, will perform a free afternoon concert this Friday, March 6, at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

The concert begins at 2:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Fine Arts Center on the SWOSU campus. Everyone is invited.

The concert will feature an exciting 20th century program from European, North American, and South American composers such as Maurice Duruflé, Knut Nystedt, William Dawson, Alberto Grau and others. The choir will also perform editions which Professor Guinand has published over the years.

Cantoría Alberto Grau was founded in 1976 and is based in Caracas, Venezuela. They have released seven CDs which include *Latinoamericana XX*, *Antología Veinte Años*, and *Canto Gregoriano*. They perform music from all periods and genres and specialize in Latin American music for women's voices.

Professor Maria Guinand is a professor of musicology and director of choral activities at the Universidad Simón Bolívar, where she teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in choral studies.

Earlier in the day, Professor Guinand will conduct a master class with the Southwestern Singers of SWOSU at 1 p.m. in Berrong Music Hall Room 101.

SWOSU Choral Director Daniel Farris arranged for the choir's visit.

"This is an extremely rare opportunity to hear one of the world's premiere choirs in a local setting and for free!" Farris said. "Anyone who loves great music will not want to miss this."