

SWOSU Chamber to Feature Brahms & Bach Works on Wednesday

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The Southwestern Oklahoma State University Chamber Singers will perform a concert this Wednesday, April 15, featuring the *Marienlieder* by Johannes Brahms, *Lobet den Herrn* by J. S. Bach, and various other Brahms works.

The concert is at 5:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center lobby. Admission is free, and the public is invited.

The *Marienlieder* will feature two graduate conducting students, Amanda Hughes and Mallory Turlington, as conductors. This work is a series of poems narrating composed stories about the Virgin Mary and the story of the Annunciation through the resurrection of Jesus. The preparation of this work and its performance is in conjunction with the graduate conducting seminar in which they are studying advanced conducting techniques. Daniel Farris teaches the seminar.

Chamber Singers will open the concert with a Brahms piece, and they will end the concert with the Bach motet, *Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden*. Sean Wright, Josh Buxton, Chris Hunter and Braden Boily will perform a trombone arrangement of the finale from Brahms's *Symphony no. 1*. Also featured are Joy Yocum, Travis Hasley and Jaymes Kirksey playing a trio for piano, horn and violin.

"I am really excited about the concert's performers and the works we have programmed," Farris said. "Amanda Hughes and Mallory Turlington have prepared a slide show of German art which portrays Mary in various guises and appearances to run simultaneously with the songs, highlighting the tone of the whole set of songs. It should be a great multimedia experience for many people to enjoy."