

Four SWOSU Choirs to Perform Thursday

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Choral Department will present four choirs in concert this Thursday, April 26, at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 817 N. 7th Street, in Weatherford.

The concert is free and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The Men's Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Daniel Farris, will perform two Schubert lieder (*Der Geistertanz* and *Psalm 23*) and William Dawson's *I wan' to be ready*.

The Women's Chorus, conducted by Joyce Adams Curtis, will perform Durufle's *Tota pulchra es* and a Celtic piece entitled *Mouth Music* and accompanied by an Irish drum, the bodhrán (played by Jonathan Anzaldúa). Stephen Paulus' *Sing Creation's Music On* and *Over the Rainbow* complete the selections. Angela Farris is the pianist for the Women's Chorus.

Also on the program is the Chamber Choir, under the direction of Curtis. The choir will sing Palestrina's *Sicut Cervus* and Hungarian composer Ernest von Dohnanyi's *Locus Iste*, Jane Marshall's *O God, You are my God* and Paul Basler's *Gloria*. Joshua Smith, graduate assistant, will conduct Paul Harry's *What Wondrous Love Is This*. Marti Bessinger, organist at FUMC, will accompany the Dohnanyi, Marshall and Harry.

Percussionists for the *Gloria* are Jonathan Anzaldúa on the djembe and Tyler Paul playing congas.

Dr. Daniel Farris conducts the Southwestern Singers in Britten's Choral Dances from *Gloriana*, Wilbye's *Sweet honey-sucking bees* as well as *And though my love abounding*, and Leo Nestor's *Come thou fount of every blessing*.

The concert will feature Joshua Smith, Janis South on piano for the Men's Chorus, and Owen Reid, local organist, with the Southwestern Singers.