

Concert Choir to perform at American Choral Directors Assoc. North Central division conf. in Feb.

St. Paul, Minn. – The Macalester Concert Choir has been invited to perform at the American Choral Directors Association North Central division conference in February. The North Central Division includes Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Wisconsin.

Ensembles must apply to perform at these conferences, and to be eligible, conductors must have been with their group for the previous three years. It's a double-blind-audition – conductors anonymously submit recordings judged by a panel of established conductors, whose names also are kept confidential.

Given the many outstanding choirs in the region, winning a spot at the conference is highly competitive and therefore a real coup for the choir and indeed the college. The Macalester Concert Choir will be one of just five college choirs, the only one from Minnesota, performing this year.

“The strength of our music program is not fully known among music educators in the region,” said Director of Choral Activities Michael McGaghie. “There will be many high school conductors at this conference who will hear the concert choir perform. I hope that they'll tell their students about what our department has to offer - that if they want both a great liberal arts education and a great music community, they should consider Macalester.”

The Concert Choir will perform on February 19, 2016, at the Mary Sommervold Hall in Sioux Falls' Washington Pavilion.

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