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Saint Mary Concert Chorale Lights the Stage with Broadway Hits for Annual Spring Pops Concert

7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 29, Saint Joseph Dining Hall

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—The University of Saint Mary department of fine arts-music presents a variety of hit Broadway tunes at the USM Concert Chorale's annual Spring Choral Pops Concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 29, in Saint Joseph Dining Hall on USM's Leavenworth campus, 4100 South 4th Street.

The event is free and open to the public.

This year's program will focus on the works of tunesmith Stephen Schwartz, and will include songs from his well-known Broadway musicals *Wicked*, *Godspell*, *Pippin*, and *Children of Eden.*

Selections include the timeless *Day by Day* from the iconic '70s musical *Godspell*, *Defying Gravity* from the mega smash hit *Wicked*, and *Colors of the Wind* from the Disney animated film *Pocahontas.*

Student soloists include five Saint Mary freshmen: **Taylor Welch,** of Leavenworth, **Ben Sanders,** of Wichita, Kan., **John Cothern,** of Leavenworth, Kan., **Miguel Powell**, of Leavenworth, and **Emma Vavricek**, of Bonners Springs, Kan. Upperclassmen soloists include **Brittney Atchison**, of Lansing, Kan., **Starian Porchia**, of Bonner Springs, Kan., **Alyssa Dunning,** of Parkville, Mo., **Sarah Cronkleton-Kidd,** of Gladstone, Mo., **Emily Nold,** of Overland Park, Kan., **Briana Janas**, of Leavenworth, and **Katie Jaster**, of Denver.

Jaster and Atchison, both graduating seniors, will be honored during the program.

The chorale will be under the direction of **Dr. William Krusemark**, chair of USM's fine arts department. Freda Proctor, assistant professor of music and instrumental music coordinator at USM, will serve as accompanist.

Email krusemarkw@stmary.edu for more information.

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