

Milligan Concert Choir finishes spring tour with home concert, March 19

MILLIGAN COLLEGE, Tenn. (Mar. 2, 2017) — The Milligan College Concert Choir will cap its biennial choir tour with a home concert, "Through the Storm, I Will Rise," on Sunday, March 19, at 3 p.m. in Milligan's Mary B. Martin Auditorium located in Seeger Chapel. This concert will present songs of trial, perseverance and faith, including "Precious Lord," "When Visited by Storms," "I Will Rise" and many more. This event is free and open to the public.

The Concert Choir will be touring to Florida and Georgia over spring break, giving concerts at several churches and schools, and the Milligan concert will give local audiences an opportunity to hear the tour program. The choir will be accompanied by Milligan alumna and Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan student Erin Raines ('13), and they will be conducted by assistant conductor Riley Prickett, a senior vocal performance major.

"The singers have worked diligently to prepare this tour program," said Dr. Noah DeLong, associate professor of music and conductor of the choir. "We are excited to share it with audiences around the country and here at home. We hope that our music will inspire listeners to weather the storms of life relying on a firm foundation of faith in God."

The 2017 spring tour itinerary is as follows:

- March 5, 9:30 a.m., Community Christian Church at High Vista, Davenport, Florida
- March 5, 7 p.m., Vero Christian Church, Vero Beach, Florida
- March 7, 6:30 p.m., Sebring Christian Church, Sebring, Florida
- March 8, 6:30 p.m., First Christian Church, Fort Myers, Florida
- March 10, 7:30 p.m., Lilburn Christian Church, Lilburn, Georgia
- March 12, 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., Peachtree City Christian Church, Peachtree City, Georgia

In recent years, the choir has maintained an active performance schedule on campus and throughout Northeast Tennessee. Frequently touring throughout the United States, the choir has performed recently in Washington, D.C., the mid-Atlantic, Chicago and the Midwest. In addition, the choir regularly collaborates with the Milligan Orchestra, the Johnson City Symphony Orchestra and the Symphony of the Mountains.

DeLong is a versatile musician who has found success as a conductor, educator, tenor soloist, collaborative pianist and church musician. He also leads Heritage, a select a cappella ensemble at Milligan, and the college's Women's Chorale. In addition, DeLong teaches conducting, applied voice, aural skills, and secondary music methods, and he serves as the faculty sponsor for Milligan's collegiate NAFME chapter. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in music and mathematics from Taylor University, a Master of Music in choral conducting and vocal performance from Ball State University, and a Doctor of Musical Arts in choral conducting and pedagogy from The University of Iowa.

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