

The Milligan Orchestra performs ‘Celtic Reflections’

MILLIGAN COLLEGE, Tenn. (October 26, 2016) – Fall in Appalachia is a popular time to celebrate the ancestors of many who have settled in the region after coming from Ireland and Scotland—and Milligan College is joining in the festivities.

The Milligan Orchestra will present its fall concert, “Celtic Reflections,” highlighting music from Ireland and Scotland on Saturday, Nov. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in Milligan’s Mary B. Martin Auditorium located in Seeger Chapel. This event is free and open to the public.

“Our orchestra is excited to present its first concert dedicated to Celtic music,” said Dr. Kellie Brown, director of the Milligan Orchestra, the only collegiate orchestra in the Tri-Cities region. “Many of the people who settled in the Appalachian mountains were Scots-Irish, and they brought their music with them, in many ways preserving it here—though it was dying out in their native lands. We hope this concert shows the impact that the Scots-Irish and their music have had on the history of our region.”

The concert will offer a variety of styles of music, from fast fiddle tunes to gorgeous ballads. Dr. Noah DeLong, associate professor of music, will sing one of the most well-known Scots-Irish ballads, “Danny Boy”; and Doug Grove-DeJarnett, minister of music at Munsey United Methodist Church, will sing “Gaelic Blessing.” Both soloists also will perform a duet called “Loch Lomond.”

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