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*Concert Will Feature Both Music and Non-Music Majors Students on Nov. 29*

**By Bryton Mitchell, ('17) GWU Intern for Communications**

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.— The Gardner-Webb Symphonic Band, an ensemble

featuring music and non-music majors, will present a concert Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 8 p.m. The free event is open to the public and will be held in Dover Theatre, located inside the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center on the GWU campus.

Dr. Mark Cole, assistant professor of music education and director of marching band, directs the symphonic band. He observes, “Members are performers from all over campus, in all majors.” Cole encourages students who love music to get involved with the band, as future performances may also feature students who are not music majors.

Tim Hudson, professor of music, will be this year’s guest soloist. Julia DeSerio will be the vocal soloist and will be singing a beautiful arrangement of “Silent Night.” Other music will include “Festival” by Clifton Williams, “Gershwin!” arr. by Warren Baker, selections from “The Merry Widow” by Franz Lehar, arr. by E. Suzuki, and other works.

Cole believes the variety of music offers something for everyone and would like to see a large attendance to support the students who have put so much effort into the performance. “We have been rehearsing since August, every Tuesday night at 6 p.m. The concert is challenging, but at the same time, the band has really worked hard to take on the challenge of college-level pieces,” Dr. Cole explained. “A lot of study goes into a program such as this, not only in how to play the instruments but historical study as well.”

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