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Jan. 13 Performance to Feature Pair of Experienced Voices

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. — The Gardner-Webb University

Department of Music will present a Distinguished Artist Concert on Tuesday, Jan. 13 in Blanton Auditorium on campus.

Gus Mercante

Set to begin at 8 p.m., the show will feature countertenor Gus Mercante and mezzo-soprano Jondra Harmon. The concert will also include tenor Justin Humphries and pianist Lillian Pearson.

Mercante performs, teaches and administers a variety of artistic roles. His current concert season also includes work in Handel's "Messiah" with the Mid-Columbia Symphony in Washington, D.C., Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" at Christ Church in Delaware, Bach's "Magnificat" in Delaware, and various recital programs. He is also the founder of LifeSongs, an organization that provides financial assistance to exemplary charities, individuals with special needs, and noteworthy community-centered projects.

Harmon serves as instructor of voice and coordinator of vocal studies at Gardner-Webb. She teaches private voice pedagogy and diction courses. Her credits include performances on stage with the Washington National Opera, Cincinnati Opera, and most recently The Lyric Opera of Chicago.

The Distinguished Artist Concert is free and open to the public. An optional offering will be collected to support Gardner-Webb music programs.

Auxiliary aids will be made available to persons with disabilities upon request 48 hours prior to the event. Please call 704-406-4264 with your request.

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