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School of Performing and Visual Arts Event Set for April 27

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Gardner-Webb University's School of Performing and Visual Arts presents the annual GWU Choral Union with the Charlotte Civic Orchestra on Sunday, April 27 at 3 p.m. in the Kathleen Dover Theatre, located in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center. Admission is free.

Each spring, the GWU Concert Choir and the GWU Chorale combine and join with a regional orchestra to present choral masterpieces, such as Haydn's *Creation*, Handel's *Messiah*, Brahms *Requiem* and Rutter's *Magnificat* in the annual Choral Union Concert. This year, the group will present the The Missa in Angustiis ("Mass for troubled times") or "Lord Nelson Mass." One of 14 masses written by Joseph Haydn, the piece is one of the six masses written near the end of his life. These are now seen as a culmination of Haydn's liturgical composition.

GWU Director of Choral Activities Dr. Paul Etter will conduct the concert. Featured soloists include Megan McCauley, Jondra Harmon, Wayne Hobbs and David Parker.

The Charlotte Civic Orchestra (CCO) is a fully functioning, volunteer-based 75-piece orchestra made up of local musicians, many of whom are professionally trained. Players are selected through competitive auditions that take place throughout the year. Approximately one-fourth of the active musicians have played with CCO since the organization's inception. GWU alum Hannah Blalock (Matthews, N.C.) serves as the group's harpist.

More information about the Gardner-Webb University School of Performing and Visual Arts music division is available at 704-406-4453. To learn more about the Charlotte Civic Orchestra, visit charlottecivicorchestra.org.

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