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# GWU Orchestra to perform with the Concertmaster of the Royal Wedding

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November 30, 2011

*Concert featuring Rosemary Furniss set for Monday, Dec. 5*

 **rosemary** BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – The Gardner-Webb University Music Department is proud to announce that Rosemary Furniss, co-musical director and concertmaster of the English Chamber Orchestra, and concertmaster of the Royal Wedding, will perform with the GWU Orchestra. The concert takes place Monday, Dec. 5 at 8:00 p.m. in Gardner-Webb's Dover Theatre, located in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center. While admission is free, a donation of \$10 per person is requested to benefit the Gardner-Webb School of Performing and Visual Arts.

Furniss is the wife of Charlotte (N.C.) Symphony Orchestra and English Chamber Orchestra Music Director, Christopher Warren-Green, who conducted the Royal Wedding. The highly anticipated Royal Wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton took place at Westminster Abbey, located near Buckingham Palace, in the United Kingdom on April 29 of this year. An estimated two billion people worldwide watched the ceremony on television or via the internet.

Furniss plays both violin and viola, and will perform as a soloist along with Charlotte Symphony Orchestra Concertmaster Calin Lupanu, who also serves as professor of violin for GWU. "This is a major honor for Gardner-Webb University," said Patricia Sparti, chair of the GWU Music Department. "Rosemary Furniss and Calin Lupanu are two of the most respected violinists of their generation."

More information is available about this event and the Gardner-Webb Music Department at 704-406-4448.

Auxiliary aids will be made available to persons with disabilities upon request ten working days prior to the event. Please call 704-406-3549 to make a request.

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