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EIU Orchestra, Choral Ensembles to Take 'Musical Journey Through Time'

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The Eastern Symphony Orchestra and EIU Choral Ensembles will present "A Musical Journey through Time" in Eastern Illinois University's Doudna Fine Arts Center at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26.

The concert, to be held in the Dvorak Concert Hall, will include special appearances by the Eastern Illinois University Mixed Chorus, Concert Choir, Oratorio Society and Collegium Musicum Ensembles. Richard Robert Rossi will be the conductor.

The program provides a historical tour of orchestral and choral masterpieces from early Baroque to contemporary works, including Gregorian chant; movements from Handel's "Messiah"; Mozart's "Laudate Dominum" with April Lee, soprano; and Elgar's "Nimrod" from the "Enigma Variations," which will be performed in loving memory of Rhonda Heath, a longtime employee of the EIU Department of Music.

In addition, concerto winner Derek Maninfiore will perform Tchaikovsky's "Piano Concerto No. 1" in B-flat minor, Op 23.

The concert is co-sponsored by the Charleston Area Charitable Foundation, other ESO sponsors and the EIU Department of Music.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and EIU employees, and \$5 for students. Seating is reserved. To purchase tickets or to arrange accommodations for persons with special needs, contact Doudna Fine Arts Patron Services at 217-581-3110 or doudnatix@eiu.edu, or visit the Doudna Fine Arts Center Box Office. Box Office hours are 2-6 p.m. weekdays and one hour prior to the performance.

The Doudna is located one block west of Ninth Street at Garfield Avenue on the EIU campus. Free parking is available in any of the university lots at the corner of Ninth and Garfield and immediately south of the center.

The Doudna Fine Arts Center is a division of the EIU College of Arts and Humanities. For more information, please see <http://www.eiu.edu/doudna>.