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CROWDER VOCAL MUSIC PERFORMANCE

NEOSHO, MO – The combined choirs of Crowder College will be presenting the Vivaldi GLORIA, Saturday, May 11, 2013, at 7 pm., at the Neosho United Methodist Church. They will be accompanied by a professional orchestra and soloists. This performance is an important milestone for music department at Crowder, which has steadily grown under the guidance of Dr. Kierstin Bible.

The concert will open with the elite Chamber Choir, which was formed in 2011, replacing the show choir. The choir will sing a selection of acapella songs, both classical and contemporary – including "Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal", "Java Jive", "Sanctus" and the popular "Eleanor Rigby." In the second half of the program, the Crowder Chorale will join the Chamber Choir, along with a professional orchestra (prepared by Crowder adjunct instructor, Nicholas Gilmore) and vocal soloists soprano, Dyanne Lile, from Joplin's Missouri Southern State University and mezzo soprano, Marysa Abbas, of Kansas City.

Dr. Bible accepted the position of Choral Music Instructor at Crowder College in September of 2008, with a nine-member Chorale and a five-member show choir. Since then, the program has grown in size and musicianship, with an added Chamber Choir for the most advanced students. Dr. Bible: "I am doing music that I never dreamed would be possible that first semester, and it is so exciting. I am incredibly blessed to be able to make music for a living and to share it with my students is amazing."

This concert is made possible by the generous anonymous donation. Admission is free, and the choir is accepting nonperishable food and toiletry donations for the Crowder Food Bank which the music department started with the help of the Crowder Baptist Student Union.

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For more information on the performance please contact Dr. Kierstin Bible at: <u>kierstinbible@crowder.edu</u> or my office. The Neosho United Methodist Church is located at 224 S. Wood St., Neosho, MO.

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