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Concert to Highlight Chowan University Singers

Chowan Singers and Men's Chorus, the premier choral ensembles of Chowan University, will present a concert at the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

There is no charge for the concert but tickets are required.

The repertoire for this performance will range in style from classical *a cappella* music to contemporary gospel, and will include choral standards by Mozart, Felix Mendelssohn, and Randall Thompson. Much of the music on this concert was performed during the choirs' tour to the Charlotte, NC area during the month of February.

Chowan Singers is a select ensemble consisting of 25 students, about half of whom are music majors. Chowan Singers has presented numerous concerts throughout North Carolina and the mid-Atlantic region. In addition, the group has traveled in recent years to perform in Ireland, Italy, and New York City.

Chowan Singers and Men's Chorus are under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Thorburn, Director of Choral Activities and Associate Professor of Music at Chowan University. Dr. Thorburn holds degrees from the University of Rochester and Yale University. Paula Pressnell, Artist in Residence at Chowan, is the collaborative pianist for the choirs. Mrs. Pressnell is a *cum laude* graduate of Salem College, where she was a piano student of Clemens Sandresky.

The concert is sponsored by Charles and Juanita Pond. For tickets to the performances, please call 923-0003.

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