

## ELMHURST COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR & ALTON HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT CHOIR TO PRESENT PUBLIC CONCERT

ELMHURST, IL, March 18, 2013 — On Friday, April 19th, 2013 the Elmhurst College Concert Choir will present a concert at Heartland Baptist Church at 7:30PM, 4500 North Humbert Road, Alton, Illinois 62002. The Elmhurst College Choir will perform a wide variety of music, including works by Martin Bass, F. Melius Christiansen, Guy Forbes, Lloyd Pfautsch, Jacobus Gallus, A.R. Rahman, Frank Tichelli, Elmhurst College student composers, and others. The concert will be performed with the Alton High School Concert Choir, Bev Kramer conductor and is free and open to the public.

Under the direction of Susan Moninger, the Elmhurst College Concert Choir is an auditioned group of students from a variety of majors. The choir sings both traditional and contemporary choral music. The Concert Choir maintains a long-standing tradition of performance tours in high schools and places of worship throughout the United States. The group recently toured in Nebraska, Tennessee, New York, and Toronto, Canada. This spring, their tour includes Illinois and Missouri.

They have performed works by Sergei Prokofiev with the Chicago Symphonietta at Orchestra Hall, performed for Howard Shore's *Lord of the Rings Symphony* at the Auditorium Theatre in Chicago, traveled to Prague to perform Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms* with the Chicago Children's Choir and the Czech National Orchestra in the world-famous Rudolfinium, and have toured with the internationally recognized, award-winning composer and percussionist, Tom Sharpe. The choir is featured on a recording with Tom Sharpe for the debut of his CD, *Like Setting Myself on Fire*. Recent credits also include performing *Distant Worlds: The Music of Final Fantasy* with the Chicago Pops Orchestra at the Rosemont Horizon Theatre and recording with the Royal Stockholm Philharmonic Orchestra, as a feature on the album *Distant Worlds II: More Music from Final Fantasy*, Arnie Roth, conductor.

Susan Moninger, conductor, holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Millikin University and a Master's degree in Music Education from Northwestern University. Director of Student Choral Activities at Elmhurst College, Professor Moninger conducts the Elmhurst College Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, and the internationally acclaimed vocal jazz ensemble "Late Night Blues."

Named to *Who's Who Among Teachers in America*, Professor Moninger judges numerous middle and high school concert choir, vocal jazz and show choir festivals and competitions, and also conducts collegiate clinics, District and All-State Festivals in the United States, Canada, Italy, Poland, London and the Netherlands. A former jingle singer, (United Airlines, Green Giant, and numerous other national commercials), she also composes and arranges music. Her pieces have been chosen for All-State festivals and are published by KJOS of San Diego, California. She is member of Screen Actors Guild, American Federation of Radio and Television Artists, Actors Equity Association, American Choral Directors Association, Jazz Educators Network, and National Association for Music Education. This year she was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi honor society, for academic excellence.

This summer Susan Moninger celebrates 34 years as co-founder and co-director of Showchoir Camps of America. She has worked with over 30,000 students and directors from around the world. These workshops have been held at Millikin University, Heidelberg College, and Walt Disney World Resorts and focus on teaching and refining singing, dancing, and performing techniques.

To book this group for future events, please contact Moninger at (630) 617-3539 or [susanmo@elmhurst.edu](mailto:susanmo@elmhurst.edu). For more information about music at Elmhurst College, visit [www.elmhurst.edu](http://www.elmhurst.edu) or call the Music Department at (630) 617-3515.

Elmhurst College is a leading liberal arts college located in the Chicago metropolitan area. The College's mission is to prepare its students for meaningful and ethical work in a multicultural, global society. Founded in 1871, Elmhurst College is affiliated with the United Church of Christ.