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## WESTERN STUDENTS AND FACULTY PART OF CHORUS EXCHANGE PROGRAM

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —Jan. 6, 2005—The St. Joseph community will have an opportunity to experience French culture and enjoy wonderful music, thanks to an exchange program between the St. Joseph Community Chorus and the Chorale Divertimento, a French chorus from Lille, France. The French chorus will visit St. Joseph Feb. 12-20, and the St. Joseph chorus will visit France in March. The two choruses will perform several songs together during their visits.

Twenty-four chorus members from St. Joseph will travel to France, including five Western faculty members and two students. “I am very excited about it,” said Sharon Gray, associate professor of music, and one of the chorus members who will travel to France. “We’ll get to experience each other’s cultures and share the musical experience. Going to France is always something I wanted to do.” Gray noted that sharing the experience with two students will make it extra special.

The chorus exchange was the brainchild of Western faculty members, and was arranged by Anthony Glise, an adjunct instructor of music at Western. In fact, the choruses will perform works that were composed by Glise.

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Hosts are needed to provide housing, transportation and meals for members of the French chorale during their stay in St. Joseph. Two guests would stay in each home. In return, host families will receive a complimentary ticket to the Feb. 20 performance and two complimentary tickets to the May 8 St. Joseph Community Chorus concert.

For more information about performances or hosting French chorus members, contact Gray at 816-271-4427.

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