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USI Madrigal Feaste opens holiday season

The University of Southern Indiana Madrigal Ensemble will present the 34th annual Madrigal Feaste Thursday through Sunday, December 4 - 7. The feast, a reenactment of a fifteenth century royal celebration, offers music with each item on the menu.

Daniel Craig, director of USI choral activities, said "This is USI's oldest musical tradition and a festive way to begin the holiday season."

The USI Chamber Choir will entertain with selections of old English and Italian madrigals, folk songs, as well as choral selections for the holiday season.

To enhance the experience USI Chamber Choir members will don Renaissance-period costumes and Carter Hall in the University Center will be transformed to an age when royalty welcomed their subjects to an estate or castle for an evening of holiday celebration.

USI Chamber Choir members, listed by their hometown, are:

Evansville

Aryes Baltzell, Royal Court
Kensington Blaylock, Jester
Nathan Burgdorf, King
Jennifer Emge, Royal Court
Rachel Feigel, Royal Court
Jeanine Gamble, Queen
Natalie Singer, Royal Court
Rhonda Sparks, Royal Court
Julie Todd, Royal Court
Ryan Vickers, Royal Court
Lucas Underwood, Royal Court

Other Indiana

Albion

Laura Patterson, Royal Court

Brownsburg

Heather Lents, Royal Court

Camby

Kade Adair

Farmersburg

Drew Cloutier, Royal Court

Indianapolis

Jennifer Hamilton, Royal Court

Jasper

Camille Ruckriegel

Michigantown

Lynne Walker, Royal Court

Mount Vernon

Amy Breeze, Royal Court
Jason Goodwin, Royal Court
Amanda Wildeman, Royal Court
Sarah Ziegler, Royal Court

Owensville

John Douglas, Jester
Melissa Hooper, Royal Court

Quincy

Cassie Williams, Royal Court

Remington

Dustin Williams, Chamberlain

Scottsburg

Eric Stump, Royal Court

Shelbyville

Heidi Weaver, Royal Court

Other States**Tennessee****Bartlett**

Katheryn Reeves, Royal Court

Wisconsin**Warrens**

Shaun Dean, Royal Court

A collaborative effort, the Madrigal Feaste partners talented faculty and students with University Dining Services to choreograph a performance and special meal. This year's menu will include green tossed salad, hot wassail (spiced cider), soup of beef and barley, his majesty's roasted chicken, holiday roasted red-bud potatoes, and fresh steamed vegetables. The meal will also include bread pudding with rum sauce, tea, and coffee.

Thursday through Saturday, December 4 – 6, the Madrigal Feaste will begin at 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday, December 7 the program will open at 6 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$27 for adults and \$25 for students and senior citizens. Tickets/reservations: 812/461-5237 or www.usi.edu.

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