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SPONSORING ORGANIZATION HERE presents the Ohio Northern University National Tour Choir in concert

CITY OR TOWN — The SPONSORING ORGANIZATION will present a concert featuring the Ohio Northern University National Tour Choir in NAME OF BUILDING AND ROOM on DAY OF WEEK, MONTH AND DATE, at HOUR p.m. The event is free and open to the public. A freewill love offering for the touring group will be taken.

The Ohio Northern National Tour Choir is on a 43-day concert tour to 26 states during May and June 2016. The choir consists of members of the ONU University Singers, the top choral ensemble at ONU, which tours annually. Most recently, in March 2015, the choir took its 12th international tour and presented concerts throughout the United Kingdom. The choir is under the direction of Dr. Ben Ayling.

The concert will be in three sections and will open with a sacred segment beginning with Wallace DePue’s processional “Sing dem Herrn.” The choir will then present various styles of sacred literature, including “The Glory of The Father” by Egil Hovland, a setting of “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” by Howard Helvey, “Weeping Mary” arranged by Brad Holmes, and Robert Ray’s “He Never Failed Me Yet.”

The second segment will include international and contemporary music. The choir will sing a challenge to “Eat Your Vegetables” and a piece by Ėriks Ešenvalds titled “Stars.” This is a setting of a Sara Teasdale text accompanied by tuned water glasses and Tibetan singing bowls. The choir commissioned the next piece, “For Our World,” an original composition by Joseph Martin, as a premiere for this tour. This setting of the poem by the same title was written by Mattie J.T. Stepanek and published when he was just 12 years old. It is a call to aspire to an elevated level of common good. The section will end with the “Sakkijarven Polka” arranged by Jonathan Rathbone. Also featured will be choir accompanist and piano soloist Andreya Grzegorzewski.

The final segment of the concert will focus on American music. The American folk song “Cindy” will be featured in an arrangement by Mack Wilberg, composer and conductor of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. The choir will present a double choir setting of “Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better” from “Annie Get Your Gun” as well as James Erb’s arrangement of “Shenandoah.” A testament to those who have served will be presented in the “Armed Forces Medley,” arranged by Greg Gilpin, and the concert will end with a choral “Benediction.”

Visit the ONU National Tour Choir website at www.onu.edu/choir_tour_2016

Ohio Northern University (ONU) has a 93 percent job and graduate school placement rate. Its long-standing success is partly because of excellent professors, partly because of ambitious students, and partly because the University has always been rooted in the future. At ONU, students move toward a career long before they graduate – and ONU’s alumni successes prove it. With top-ranked programs and opportunities outside the classroom, any path a student chooses at ONU will be grounded in concrete applications for the future. Established in 1871 and comprised of five colleges (Arts & Sciences, Business Administration, Engineering, Pharmacy, and Law), ONU’s beautiful residential campus is made up of more than 60 modern residences and academic buildings and provides a vibrant campus experience.