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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Texas Wesleyan University presents two Christmas operas:  
"Good King Wenceslas" and "St. Nicholas"**

FORT WORTH, Nov. 6 – Texas Wesleyan University's Department of Music presents two Christmas operas in succession: "Good King Wenceslas" and "St. Nicholas." The operas begin at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 18-19 in Nicholas Martin Hall, at 1201 Wesleyan St. on the corner of Rosedale and Wesleyan. On Nov. 24, the operas will be performed at the Arapaho United Methodist Church in Richardson at 1400 W. Arapaho Rd. at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

The operas are a dramatization of well-known Christmas carols composed by Richard Shepard and presented in English. Director Dale Morehouse says, "The Operas are a wonderful way to start celebrating the holiday season." Pianist Aimee Hurst will accompany the combination of fourteen Wesleyan voice and theatre students performing the operas.

Morehouse is the organist and director of musical ministries at Arapaho United Methodist Church and has been teaching voice lessons at Wesleyan for two years. Mark Schweizer, a former college acquaintance of Morehouse's, wrote and published the story line of the operas distributed by St. James Music Press.

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