



Sept. 7, 2004

Contact: Lisa A. Fellers
Director of Communications
Office: (817) 531-4498
Cell: (817) 874-8683
lfellers@txwes.edu

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wesleyan Singers partner with community to perform free concert

FORT WORTH, Sept. 7 – The Wesleyan Singers, under the direction of Mark Stamper, a new visiting assistant professor, join a host of Fort Worth performers in the *Gathering at the Chapel* community concert. The concert will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 12 in the Marty Leonard Community Chapel at Lena Pope Home, located at 3131 Sanguinet Street, Fort Worth, 76107. The community concert, now in its fifth year, provides a quarterly music service to the community and an opportunity for local talent to perform in a unique acoustic space.

The program features performances by The Singing Girls of Texas, also directed by Stamper; First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Choir, under the direction of Michael Waschevski; and a flute/guitar duet featuring Charles Garvey of First United Methodist Church. Solo performers include Dan Stevens, concertmaster for Fort Worth Civic Orchestra; pianist Vance Bell; harpist Genny Glass; and Lauren Plasconis on hammer dulcimer.

The Wesleyan Singers are the major performing choral ensemble at Texas Wesleyan University. The choir is open by audition to experienced student singers with the desire to perform sincere choral literature. During the concert, the group will sing Emma Lou Diemer's O

-more-

Sept. 7 – *Gathering at the Chapel*, page 2.

Come and Let Us Sing Unto the Lord and Roy Ringwald’s arrangement of *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*.

Stamper earned his bachelor of music from Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C. and his master’s degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. In addition to his work with the Wesleyan Singers, Stamper serves as the director of Wesleyan’s Trouvères; and musical director and vocal coach for Wesleyan’s Opera Workshop. He is also the musical director of The Singing Girls of Texas – a nationally recognized, professional girls’ choir.

According to its Web site, Lena Pope Home Inc. is committed to “creating a future of hope for all children and their families by offering preventive and rehabilitative services that strengthen and preserve family life.” Having served tens of thousands of north Texas families in need, Lena Pope Home is a powerful force in community renewal and responsibility. The Marty Leonard Community Chapel at the Lena Pope Home was built in 1990 and designed by E. Fay Jones, an internationally acclaimed architect and winner of the 1990 American Institute of Architect’s Gold Medal.

The performance is free and open to the public. No reservations are required. For more information on “Gathering at the Chapel” community concerts, visit www.lenapopehome.org. To learn more about the Wesleyan Singers, contact Wesleyan’s Department of Music at (817) 531-4992 or visit <http://department.txwes.edu/mus/>.

###