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HALLOWEEN CONCERT HONORS TEXAS WESLEYAN GHOST

The Department of Music at Texas Wesleyan University presents a very special Halloween birthday celebration for The Ghost of Martin Hall. The Wind Ensemble, under the direction of visiting assistant professor Bryan English, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, in Martin Hall, 1309 Wesleyan St. The concert is free and open to the public. No reservations are required.

“I knew I wanted to do a Halloween concert,” says English, “so I began looking for classical music related to death, witches, zombies or anything else scary.” English decided to throw a birthday party for The Ghost of Martin Hall. Texas Wesleyan’s own “Phantom of the Opera,” Gomer - as he is known - has notoriously haunted the concert hall for years. Martin Hall contains 600 audience seats. 599 are blue. One is green. English warns, “The Ghost of Martin Hall's green seat is reserved for him at all performances, so watch where you sit!”

Wind Ensemble is the University's instrumental group dedicated to the study and performance of contemporary wind literature and open by audition to experienced student players. In this, the ensemble’s fall concert and premier performance of the semester, the group will play a spooky program featuring Gomer’s favorite pieces: the theme from “2001: A Space

Odyssey;" "Witches Sabbath" from Berlioz's "Symphony Fantastique" (arranged for the ensemble by Dr. English); Gershwin's "An American in Paris" (apparently Gomer likes Gershwin, or maybe he's just scared of Paris); Beethoven's "Drei Equali" (performed at his own funeral in 1827); and Wagner's "Trauersinfonie" (funeral music written for the transferring of Weber's remains from London to Dresden).

"This program is especially accessible to all audiences because the music is recognizable and exciting," said English, who directs Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band and chamber ensembles and teaches trombone and jazz arranging. "Every piece tells a story full of character and represents a significant work in the master repertoire of classical music." Concert attendees are welcome to join English and the Wind Ensemble by dressing in Halloween costume. A reception with complimentary birthday cake and refreshments will follow the concert.

Martin Hall is located at the northeast corner of Rosedale Street and Wesleyan Street on the Texas Wesleyan University campus. Free parking is available on campus. For further details, contact the Department of Music at (817) 531-4992 or visit us on the Web at <http://department.txwes.edu/mus/>.