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**UTSA WOMEN'S CHOIR TO CELEBRATE 15 YEARS  
WITH REUNION PERFORMANCE**

*Women's choir members invited to perform at concert*

(SAN ANTONIO) - Former members of The University of Texas at San Antonio Women's Choir will present a reunion performance to celebrate 15 years of choral excellence on Saturday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the UTSA Arts Building Recital Hall on the 1604 Campus.

The reunion weekend will kick off on Friday, October 13 with a reception in the Galleria of the UTSA Arts Building at 6:30 p.m. for former choir members.

"The purpose of this reunion weekend is really to reach out to old friends and colleagues and celebrate this wonderful milestone," said UTSA Department of Music Associate Professor Gary Mabry, who founded the group in the fall of 1991.

The choir will perform "How Can I Keep from Singing" by Gwyneth Walker, "How Excellent is Thy Name" by Howard Hanson, "Set Me as a Seal" by Richard Nance and "O Aula Nobilis" by William Matthias. The choir will also perform "The Greatest of These" composed by Mabry. The performance will also include Mabry's arrangement of "The Star Spangled Banner" which will be sung as a tribute to America's soldiers who have given their lives in Iraq.

Sigma Alpha Iota, the international music fraternity for women, will use the occasion to raise awareness and donations for the Battered Women's Shelter and the Children's Shelter of Bexar County by collecting and delivering clothing and personal health supplies. Donation boxes will remain on the main floor of the 1604 Campus Arts building from Oct. 14 through Nov. 4.

The UTSA Women's Choir is recognized today as one of the outstanding collegiate treble ensembles in the state. During the summer of 2006 the group toured Salzburg, Vienna and Prague with the UTSA Concert Choir. In Terezin, Czech Republic, they presented a performance of the opera "Brundibár" with members of the UTSA Lyric Theatre.

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In addition to frequent campus performances, the Women's Choir has sung for the Texas Women's Legislators Conference, the Texas Collegiate Women's Choir Festival and a variety of churches and community organizations.

About The University of Texas at San Antonio

The University of Texas at San Antonio is one of the premier institutions of higher education in South Texas and one of the fastest growing universities in the state. One of nine academic universities and six health institutions that comprise the UT System, UTSA is the second largest institution in the system. Celebrating its 36th anniversary, UTSA serves more than 27,300 students enrolled in 62 bachelors, 43 masters and 19 doctoral degree programs.

Programs are offered through the colleges of Architecture, Business, Education and Human Development, Engineering, Honors, Liberal and Fine Arts, Public Policy, and Sciences, and the Graduate School. A Top 100 Hispanic-serving institution, UTSA is ranked among the top 10. A university of access and excellence, UTSA is committed to research and discovery, teaching and learning, and public service.

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