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**UTSA DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC OPENS HOLIDAY
SEASON WITH *THE MAGNIFICAT***

SAN ANTONIO — The UTSA Department of Music will present the John Rutter masterpiece, *The Magnificat* at 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 19 in the Arts Building Recital Hall on the 1604 Campus. The UTSA orchestra, chorus, concert choir and women's choir will usher in the holiday season with the piece that is based on scripture. UTSA Associate Professor Gary Mabry will conduct the four ensembles as they perform.

The Magnificat, originally a liturgical song taken from the Bible (Luke I: 46-55), formed part of the ancient service of Vespers in the medieval Roman rite. Inspired by *The Magnificat* originally composed by J. S. Bach, Rutter's version was first performed in 1990 at Carnegie Hall.

Rutter, whose compositions are chiefly choral and include Christmas carols and anthems, has been hailed by NBC's Today Show as "the world's greatest living composer and conductor of choral music."

Tickets are available for \$10 general admission and \$5 for students, military and seniors with ID by calling (210) 458-5685.

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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