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**Millikin University Men's and Women's Choirs Combine for Concert  
Friday, April 9, 2010 | 7:00 PM**

This is a free concert

— to be held at First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, 321 South Seventh Street, Springfield  
Reception will follow.

*One-hundred and twenty-five voices combined* — Two Millikin University choirs, Millikin Women and Millikin Men, will perform in concert together for the Springfield community at First Presbyterian Church on Friday evening, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. Multiple styles and languages will be featured, including a baroque “Dixit Dominus” by Michael Haydn, a Czech folksong, and the brand new “Joshua” spiritual set in gospel style. The concert will be free to the public, with a free will offering.

-----about the choirs-----

**Millikin University Millikin Men's Choir**

The Millikin Men's Choir is an auditioned choir comprised of sixty-five students in music and other degree programs from across the university. The choir is under the direction of Professor Ted Hesse and sings a wide variety of repertoire that includes standard men's choir pieces, contemporary a cappella works, musical theater arrangements, folk songs and spirituals. The Millikin Men have an active performance schedule, which includes the Millikin University Choral program's annual Christmas Vespers program, which attracts approximately 7000 people to Millikin University's campus each year. The Millikin Men have been featured annually in collaboration with male faculty and staff throughout the University singing the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, with the Millikin-Decatur Symphony Orchestra, the Millikin University Wind Ensemble, and with the professional a cappella ensemble and Millikin Men alumni, *Chapter 6*. The Millikin Men's Choir is one of five traditional choral ensembles involving over 250 students at Millikin University

**Millikin University Women's Choir**

The Millikin University Women's Choir, under the direction of Beth Holmes, is an all freshmen women's choir, which sings a wide variety of music – including both traditional and contemporary choral music. This sixty-member group, some music majors and many studying in other disciplines, exude a youthful love for music and strong desire to recreate the work of many compositional and vocal styles with excellence. Millikin Women performed throughout the fall on campus, as well as for community events in Decatur, Illinois during their 2009 - 2010 season. In February the group hosted and performed for the first Millikin University Women's Choir Invitational Festival for high school women's choirs in the area.

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