



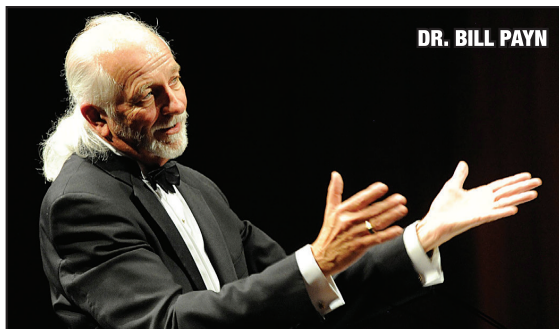
CHORALE TACKLES A NUMBER OF FIRSTS VIA SUNDAY CONCERT

By Tricia Kline
For The Daily Item

LEWISBURG — Sunday will not only be the Susquehanna Valley Chorale's first concert of their season, but it will also be their first concert completely devoted to African-themed music and their first collaboration with State College-based choral ensemble, Essence 2, Ltd.

According to Chorale music director Dr. Bill Payn, the concert program, "Joyful Jubilee," is a fusion of traditional African spirituals and American gospel styles, and will feature original music sung by the guest composer herself, Rosephanye Powell. Also included will be arrangements by Uzee Brown Jr., M. Roger Holland II, Kenneth Paden, Rollo Dilworth, and two original works by Jeffrey L. Ames. Accompaniment will be on organ, percussion, electric bass and piano.

"It's a tradition that's kind of outside of our box," Payn said, "and so we're thrilled to



DR. BILL PAYN

be able to collaborate with a group that is more familiar with this genre."

Created in 1999 by conductor Dr. Anthony Leach, Essence 2 is an outreach opportunity for those interested in performing sacred and secular music from the African and African American tradition. This year, the group consists of 86 singers, ranging from high school age through some in their 80s, and all coming from varying musical backgrounds – some professional, some who simply love to sing.

Leach and Payn have been professional colleagues for

years at their respective universities, Penn State and Bucknell. But two years ago,

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Where: Weis Center for the Performing Arts at Bucknell University, Lewisburg

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they met to launch a collaboration that will culminate this weekend.

The two groups will also be presenting a concert together in State College on Saturday.

"We are excited to have the opportunity for both groups to travel as well as perform in front of their 'home' audiences," said Karen Foard, Essence 2 secretary.

"All audience members should leave their inhibitions at the door," she added. "The music that will be performed is not the type that you sit and listen to only with your

ears. The pieces the choirs will be sharing are meant to be heard with the heart as well. And when the heart catches that beat, the body can't be far behind, and we welcome those listening to sway, clap and raise their hands in excitement."

"Hopefully we'll have the audience clapping, swaying and foot tapping along with the choirs," Payn echoed, adding that the theme of the concert is one of "hope and perseverance...All of those who hear this music are just going to be totally uplifted by it."

The performance is sponsored by the Woodcock Foundation for the Appreciation of the Arts Inc. Co-sponsors are Anne and Tom Gates, and the underwriter is The John Foundation.

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