2010 ChoralFest featuring Weston Noble

The Department of Music at Washington and Lee invite you and your choir to participate in our 2010 High School CHORALFEST. The Festival consists of three major parts for each participating choir:

- The Festival Mass Choir, under the direction of the esteemed Weston Noble, where all of the participating choirs sing in a mass choir setting.

- Workshops as an individual choir with some of the finest musicians W&L has to offer, including Noble. These workshops will focus on various elements of choral and solo singing, and ample time is provided to really work with the singers in greater detail than what is typically allowed at music festivals focusing on adjudication.

- The Festival Concert in Wilson Hall, which concludes the day-long event. Each choir performs individually and then as the combined Festival Mass Choir (with the W&L University Chorus) under the watchful eye of Noble.

All of this is available for a nominal fee of $150, which includes lunch for your students. The Festival organizers can also work with your school to arrange dinner in one of the many historic restaurants in downtown Lexington, which is walking distance from the campus.

Please hurry—space is extremely limited!

To request more information about

the 2010 CHORALFEST, contact:

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Weston Noble is a highly accomplished and honored American music educator and conductor. Now the Johnson Professor Emeritus of Music, Mr. Noble had a fifty-seven year tenure as a conductor and teacher at Luther College in Decorah, IA. He has received acclaim from across the country and the world as the conductor of the Luther College Nordic Choir from 1948 to 2005, the Luther College Concert Band from 1948 to 1973, and as guest director for over 900 All-State bands, orchestras, choirs, and festivals across four continents.

In 1994, the North Central Division of the American Choral Directors Association established the Weston H. Noble Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Choral Art. His many other awards include the Robert Lawson Shaw Award from the American Choral Directors Association, the 2008 Midwest Clinic Medal of Honor, and five honorary doctorate degrees: Augustana College (South Dakota), St. Olaf College, Westminster Choir College of Rider University, Carthage College and Wartburg College. He was awarded the St. Olav’s Medal from King Harald V of Norway for his contributions to Norwegian-American relations.

Schedule:

Saturday, March 20, 2010

9:30-10:00

Arrival of High School Choirs at W&L, hospitality time

10:00-11:30
Festival Choir Mass Rehearsal with Weston Noble

11:30-11:45
Break

11:45-2:35
High School Choir Workshops & Lunch (staggered times)

Weston Noble, Choral I

Shane Lynch, Choral II

2:35-2:50
Break

2:50-4:30
Festival Mass Choir Rehearsal with Weston Noble and Shane Lynch

4:30-6:00

Individual Choir Sound Check/Logistics Rehearsal Time (time varies for each choir)

4:30-6:30
Dinner Break (each school is responsible for meals for its students)

6:30
Call for all choirs at W&L

7:00
Concert Begins