Tuskegee Choir Will Perform at CSUH Theatre

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Cal State Hayward will present a performance of the prestigious Tuskegee Choir, led by director Dr. Wayne Barr.

The choir will perform at CSUH Wednesday, March 19, in the University Theatre at 1 p.m. Admission will be free.

"The Choir was the first African-American group to appear at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., performing there in 1946..."

The Tuskegee Choir was founded in 1886 by Booker T. Washington to sing vespers services and to perform for special campus occasions. Its renown grew quickly and it was invited to perform at the opening of Radio City Music Hall in 1932. The ensemble returned in 1957 to help celebrate the Hall's 25th anniversary.

Many important performances followed. It was the first African-American group to appear at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., performing there in 1946. It gave a White House concert for Herbert Hoover and also performed for President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt's birthday celebration in Hyde Park, N.Y.

The choir performed for the State Department in 1962 and at the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony that same year, at the invitation of President John F. Kennedy.

The Tuskegee Choir has toured military bases and returned to the White House in 1997 at the invitation of President Bill Clinton to sing at the National Prayer Breakfast.

The Choir won first place in the American Negro Spiritual Festival in Cincinnati Ohio in 1997. It has appeared at many schools and universities, including the Julliard School of Music and the New England Conservatory of Music.

The choir has appeared on several television shows and has recorded two albums, "The Tuskegee Institute Choir sings Spirituals" released in 1955, and The Tuskegee Institute "Live" album, released in 1979.

Barr has directed the Tuskegee Choir since 2001. Prior to that he was minister of music and the organist at Hartford Memorial Baptist Church. He holds a doctor of musical arts degree from the University of Michigan, and two master's degrees, one for organ performance and the other for choral conducting, both from Southern Methodist University. He is president of the Detroit Area Chapter of Choristers Guild.

Lynda Garcia will accompany Barr, and the choir. Garcia serves as the University Chapel organist and accompanist to the choir as well as a music instructor.

She began studying piano at age 5 and by age 12 was playing professionally in her church. She was first place winner of the Philharmonic Women's Association's Young Artist Competition and taught creatively gifted students in Oklahoma City before accepting the Tuskegee job.

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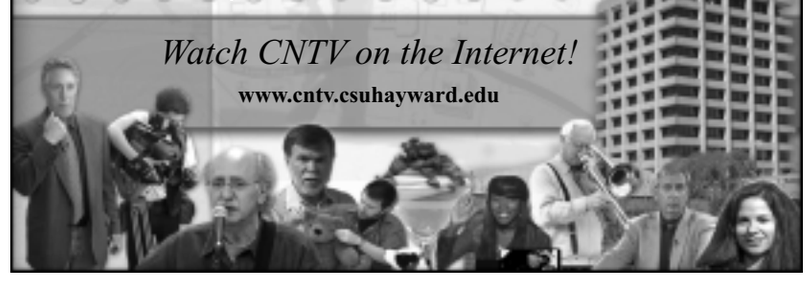

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