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**ECSU to Host Musical Recital “Inspiration”
(Music Inspired by Children and Music Inspired by Love)**

Willimantic, Conn.—Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU) and the Department of Performing Arts will host “Inspiration,” a musical recital featuring Brahms’ *Liebeslieder Waltzes*. The recital will take place **Saturday, October 18 at 2:30 p.m. in Shafer Hall** located at the corner of **Valley and High Streets in Willimantic**. The public is invited. Admission is free.

David Belles, director of vocal studies at ECSU, and Eric Ouellette, pianist for the ECSU Concert Chorale and a local, well-known pianist, will join together to lead the musical presentation. Four special guests will join them. Biology Professor Ross Koning will sing bass throughout the performance. Okon Hawng, professor of performing arts at ECSU, will join Eric Ouellette on piano. Linda Tracy, director of the Windham Theatre Guild’s Classic Chorale and the a cappella group, “Take Note,” will join in

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singing soprano. “Take Note” vocalist Lynn Sloan will sing alto during the performance.

The feature of the program, Brahms' *Liebeslieder Waltzes*, is written for a vocal quartet and four-hand piano. The program will also showcase pieces by composers Newly and Zimmerman. In the performance, the audience will hear a medley from "Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," and "Wind Songs," a set of songs derived from poems of the children in a WWII concentration camp. Other selections will include variations of the well-known Mozart tune, "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star," and a medley from "School House Rock."

For more information about the recital, please call Dr. David Belles at (860) 465-0246.

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