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## **ECSU Performing Arts Department to Host Musical Recital**

Willimantic, Conn.—The Department of Performing Arts at Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU) will host the musical recital “Classical Afternoons” on Saturday, Sept. 18. The recital, which features works frequently studied by beginning musicians, will begin at 2:30 p.m. in Shafer Auditorium, located at the corner of Valley and High Streets. The public is invited. Admission is \$5 for students and senior citizens and \$7 for the general public.

The musical presentation will feature David Belles, director of vocal studies and conductor of the Eastern Concert Chorale, along with Eric Ouellette, accompanist for the chorale and a well-known local pianist. The selections will include 6 of the popular collection of 24 Italian songs and arias. Several J.S. Bach inventions and Clementi sonatinas also will be presented, along with Chopin waltzes and Handel arias.

Ticket sales from the recital will benefit Eastern students scheduled to perform at Carnegie Hall in November 2004. The chorale has been invited to join several other university choirs from across the country to present Mozart’s “Coronation Mass” with the New England Symphonic Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Earl Rivers from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. This is the first trip of this

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magnitude for Eastern's Department of Performing Arts.

For more information on this event, upcoming events, or the Chorale's trip to Carnegie Hall, please contact David Belles at (860) 465-0246.

It is the policy of Eastern Connecticut State University to ensure equal access to its events. If you are an individual with disabilities and will need accommodations for this event, please contact the Office of University Relations at (860) 465-5735.

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