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For Immediate Release

Tickets Available for University of Dubuque's *Christmas at Heritage Center*

The University of Dubuque will present the third annual *Christmas at Heritage Center* on Friday, December 4, at 7:30 p.m. This year's celebration, titled *Journey to Bethlehem*, will take place in John and Alice Butler Hall.

WHAT: University of Dubuque's *Christmas at Heritage Center*
WHEN: Friday, December 4, 2015, 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: John and Alice Butler Hall, Heritage Center
TICKETS: \$10 for adults; \$5 for students; UD faculty/staff/students free of charge – limit of two free tickets per person.

The concert will feature the talents of the University of Dubuque's Concert Choir, Wind Ensemble, Chamber Singers, and the Adrian Dance Ensemble. Student narrators and dancers will also be featured, as well as musical contributions by Chicago harpist, Nichole Luchs.

Titled *Journey to Bethlehem*, the concert will follow a Christmas narrative authored and assembled by University of Dubuque Theological Seminary Associate Professor Timothy Slemmons. The narrative correlates directly with choral texts and instrumental pieces chosen to tell the story of Christ's birth in a seamless performance. Selections will include new arrangements of holiday favorites such as *Do You Hear What I Hear?*, *Angels We Have Heard On High*, *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*, and more. A light reception will follow the performance.

Attendees are encouraged to come early to enjoy live harp music in the lobby as well as a pre-show reception held in the Bisignano Art Gallery coinciding with a new exhibit featuring works of Judith Crandall (UD class of 1969) and Eric Nie (UD class of 2015). Crandall paints in washes, copper, oil pigments on glass and other multimedia platforms. Nie digitally photographs landscapes, mostly in the Balltown area north of Dubuque. Complimentary refreshments will be available at this reception occurring 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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As a part of this year's *Christmas at Heritage Center*, we will support University of Dubuque Theological Seminary alumnus BJ Weber's ministry – the New York Fellowship and its Friends of Jesus program. The organization is currently working to help resettle Christian refugee families from Syria, the Middle East, and other countries in transition from living in refugee camps to living in towns and cities with employment opportunities in the EU and USA. Just as the Holy Family fled as refugees to a safe place to give birth to the baby Jesus, it seems altogether fitting that we take this time to support the New York Fellowship's efforts to aid these families.

Tickets for Christmas at Heritage Center are \$10 for adults; \$5 for students; and free of charge for UD students, faculty, and staff, with a limit of two free tickets per person. Tickets are available now through the Farber Box Office, Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, 2255 Bennett Street; via phone at 563.585.SHOW; or online at www.dbq.edu/heritagecenter.

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