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ROCK HILL, S.C. - To honor the 30th anniversary of the York County Choral Society, the Winthrop Chorale, the S.C. Philharmonic Orchestra and special guest performers will join the YCCS to perform Giuseppe Verdi's "Requiem."

The special musical event, funded in part by the the Arts Council of York County Small Grants Program, will be held at 8 p.m. in Byrnes Auditorium. Performing Verdi's musical setting of the Roman Catholic funeral mass will be the York County Choral Society's Chorus of 100; the Winthrop Chorale (directed by Katherine Kinsey); the S.C. Philharmonic; and special guest performers Kristen Wunderlich, soprano, and John Fowler, tenor, both Winthrop music faculty members, as well as Jennifer Luiken, mezzo-soprano, and Philip Bouknight, bass. David Lowry, professor emeritus of music at Winthrop and parish musician of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Columbia, S.C., will serve as conductor. Lowry co-founded YCCS in 1981 with Shirley Fishburne '72, '73.

The concert marks the first time the S.C. Philharmonic has made an appearance in Rock Hill, according to Lowry. He said that the performance will give students in Winthrop Chorale "the fantastic experience of being able to perform major works with an orchestra."

Reserved section tickets for the Feb. 5 event are $30, while general admission tickets are $25, senior tickets (for those 65 years old and older) are $20. Student tickets, which cost $5, will be available at the door. Tickets may be purchased online at the York County Choral Society website and at 7 p.m. at the door before the concert begins.

The concert is an approved cultural event for students. For more information, visit YCCS online.