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## Women's Choral Concert Launches "Jezic Ensemble"

Former Chestnut Ridge Women's Choir  
Embraces New Identity, Mission

BALTIMORE – On Sunday, March 9, 2003, the memory of Towson University music professor, author, and leading expert on women composers, Diane Peacock Jezic, will be rekindled to warm new choral audiences with the music she celebrated. The Jezic Ensemble, a semi-professional company of 30 women led by artistic director Margie T. Farmer, will present its inaugural concert at 3:00 p.m., in Le Clerc Hall, College of Notre Dame of Maryland, 4701 North Charles Street in Baltimore. Tickets are \$20 at the door or \$17 in advance, for students, and seniors; \$35 for the concert and following reception. Group rates are available. For tickets, call 410-374-9059.

Formerly the Chestnut Ridge Women's Choir created five years ago by Farmer, The Jezic Ensemble blends professional and amateur voices to present to mid-Atlantic area audiences an eclectic repertoire spanning virtually every musical genre, yet always featuring the work of women composers or music composed for women's voices.

In this, its first concert under its new name and mission to bring the tradition of women in music to mainstream audiences, the ensemble presents a concert of choral literature for women's voices, composed exclusively by women to honor the life and work of its namesake. Compositions by Libby Larson, Ysaye Barnwell, Lili Boulanger, and Joan Szymko will be featured.

Colleagues and students of Dr. Jezic, who died in 1989 at age 47, along with friends of the Jezic Ensemble will gather at a reception to celebrate the group's new identity and launch following this first annual Diane Peacock Jezic Memorial Concert.

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