

Artists join Chorale for show

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Irving Chorale kicks off its 22nd season with "Patchwork" at 8 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Irving Arts Center Carpenter Hall.

The show, the first of the 2008-09 series "A Choral Kaleidoscope," will feature early American folk tunes that reflect the values of heartland America. The chorale will be joined by local artists, and Irving Cable Television Network's Celly Whitman will narrate.

Octavia Harp Ensemble harpists Laura Logan and Rebecca Scherschel will accompany the Chorale on several selections and perform solos. Local musician David Moran will play selections on the hammered dulcimer. He also will perform at a pre-concert reception at 6:45 p.m.

Chorale artistic director Harry Wooten chose to mirror the themes featured at the Irving Arts Center's exhibits. Musical selections will include "The Quilting Party," "Shepherd's" and other well-known selections. The national exhibit "Quilt Mania," currently on display at the Irving Arts Center, will be on hand for viewing during the pre-concert reception. A handmade quilt donated by Irving Quilt Guild member Ethel Rains will be featured in a



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Chorale president Laura Sanner and Irving Quilt Guild members Ethel Rains and Sue Gray display the quilt to be featured for the chance drawing.

COMING UP

The holiday Chorale performance will have a Celtic Christmas theme, celebrating the group's summer tour of Ireland. The Celtic Christmas concert will be at 8 p.m. Dec. 19.

fundraising "chance drawing" with the winner announced after

Intermission.

All of the Chorale's series performances will be at the Irving Arts Center's Carpenter Hall, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. Tickets are \$20 each, \$35 for seniors and \$10 for students. For more information, call the Irving Arts Center Box Office at 972-352-3287.

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