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Lanier Chamber singers have their sound down

Group's fall concert series begins this weekend at Grace Episcopal

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The Lanier Chamber Singers are ready to make a joyful noise with their fall concert series.

The nonprofit group of community singers has been rehearsing for months in preparation for their three upcoming concert dates.

According to Jason LeBlanc, the group's president, audiences are in for a special treat.

"There's something about singing at this level with mature voices. When it comes together - and it's right - it resonates in your body," LeBlanc said.

"This is like the Super Bowl of singing. This is what you strive for (as a singer), to perform with a group like this."

For this series, the group's director, Wallace Hinson, selected a number of works by American composers.

Hinson is a professor of music and chair of the Piedmont College Department of Music. He also conducts the Piedmont College Chamber Singers.

"We do a fall and a spring series. Each one has a different theme," LeBlanc said.

"Our director has full creative reign to select the theme and music. This show will have some hymns, some standards and even some poetry that has been set to music."

In previous shows, the Gainesville-based group has performed selections from Beethoven's 9th Symphony and Handel's Messiah.

Tickets for the show are \$10 at the door for adults, free for children and students.

"This is the first time that we've offered free student and children's tickets," LeBlanc said.

"We wanted to be able to reach a bunch of age groups. Also, a lot of our musicians are

teaching in Hall and Lumpkin County schools, so we wanted their students to be able to come and enjoy the show, without there being a financial burden."

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Director Wallace Hinson addresses the Lanier Chamber Singers during a recent rehearsal at First Presbyterian Church in Gainesville as the group prepares for its upcoming fall concert series.

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The Lanier Chamber Singers practice at First Presbyterian Church in Gainesville for their upcoming fall concert series, beginning Friday at Grace Episcopal Church.

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