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Lanier Chamber Singers mark Earth Day in song

Two concerts set for Friday and Saturday

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Music from historic and contemporary composer will be blended in a concert to proclaim and celebrate Earth Day.

The Lanier Chamber Singers will give two presentations of Elementum: music of earth, fire, wind and water at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 22, and 4 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at First Presbyterian Church in Gainesville.

Adult tickets are \$10 in advance from choir members or online www.lanierchambersingers.org. At the door, tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors. Children and students are free.

Director Jon Arnold has assembled a program featuring compositions by historical composers Johannes Brahms, Edward Elgar and Daniel Pinkham. They will blend with new works by John Rutter, Eric Whitacre, Morten Lauridsen and Jake Runestad.

Choir member Michael Henry pointed out each selection has a pairing of thoughtful, expressive music with exceptionally meaningful texts.

"It's not often one hears poetry by Shakespeare, Shelley, the Bible, Octavio Paz, the Italian madrigalists, Wendell Berry, and the Ute native American tribe all in the same concert," he said.

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