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LEMOYNE-OWEN COLLEGE'S CONCERT CHOIR TO CELEBRATE SPRING WITH HIGHLY ANTICIPATED CONCERT ON APRIL 18TH

MEMPHIS, TN (March 9, 2012) – It's springtime and that means some of LeMoyne-Owen College's most talented vocalists are set to salute this beautiful season with song. The LeMoyne-Owen College Concert Choir's annual spring concert is **Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at 7 p.m.** at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 1000 South Cooper, in Memphis, Tennessee.

The choir, accompanied by a chamber orchestra, will perform Antonio Vivaldi's "*Gloria*" and other standards from the choral repertoire. Choir director Dr. Allen Todd says concertgoers should be prepared to enjoy a diverse program. "We'll also sing spirituals and gospels, along with music from Africa."

The concert is free and open to public.

For more information, contact Dr. Todd Allen at (901) 435-1310.

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The American Missionary Association founded The LeMoyne-Owen College in 1862 to educate freedmen and runaway slaves at the Union Army's Camp Shiloh in Shiloh, Tennessee. The school relocated to Memphis a year later, but was destroyed during race riots in 1866. Lincoln Chapel, as the school was then known, was rebuilt and reopened in 1867 with 150 students and six teachers. Lincoln Chapel was renamed LeMoyne Normal and Commercial School in honor of benefactor, physician and abolitionist Dr. Francis Julian LeMoyne and relocated to its current site at 807 Walker Ave in 1914. After more than 50 years of steady growth, LeMoyne merged with Owen College in 1968. Today, The LeMoyne-Owen College has a student body of more than 1,000 students and offers 4-year degrees in five disciplines: Business and Economic Development; Education; Fine Arts and Humanities; Natural and Mathematical Sciences; and, Social and Behavioral and Sciences.