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The works will be performed by the 60-voice choir and soloists of the Unitarian Church of Buffalo, with members of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, directed by Barbara Wagner.

"Noels and Pastorales," a sampling of the songs from the 16th century Provence, antiphones from 15th century Cyprus, and Renaissance music from Hungary as well as three cantatas written in the 1700's by Haydn's patron, Prince Esterhazy, will be broadcast at 8 a.m.

The performances were chosen and recorded by Pieter Andriessen of Belgian Radio and Television, Europe's most respected producer of early music programs.

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Parts are available for men and women of all ages. Auditioners should be prepared to sing a vocal selection and to read from the script.

Casting priority will be given to registered YSU students, but anyone is invited to try out.

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Planetarium shows are free and open to the public, but reservations are required because of the limited seating capacity.

Reservations may be made by phoning the Planetarium at (216) 742-3616. Reserved seats will be held only until five minutes before showtime. All programs begin promptly and latecomers cannot be admitted once the show has begun.

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