



Dr. Marcia Hood directs the Concert Chorale during a performance at the Spring 2008 Commencement. In June the singers will share their talents the people of Costa Rica.

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## **ASU Concert Chorale to perform in Costa Rica**

Members of the Albany State University Concert Chorale will bring their musical talent beyond U.S. borders when they perform in Costa Rica next month.

The ASU Concert Chorale will visit Costa Rica June 17-23. During the trip, chorale members will perform on June 18 and June 21 in local churches near San José. On June 19 the Concert Chorale will perform at Imbio Park in San José.

“The goal of the trip is three-fold,” said Dr. Marcia Hood, chair of the ASU Fine Arts Department and Concert Chorale director. “First, we want to gain international exposure of the chorale and to raise international awareness about Albany State University. Second, we want to provide a cultural and musical international experience for our students. Third, we want to recruit Costa Rican students for Albany State University.”

While in Costa Rica, Concert Chorale members will visit the country’s sites, such as coffee plantations, local museums, the country’s Supreme Court, the University of Costa Rica, Poas Volcano, Poas National Park and the Pacific Coast.

Aiding in raising funds for the Concert Chorale’s trip is the Tea Committee, which consists of nine faculty and staff members and other Concert Chorale supporters. Last fall and this spring, the Tea Committee held garage sales. In April the committee held the Hat Tea, a luncheon in which guests donned hats for the event.

For more information about the ASU Concert Chorale, call Dr. Hood at (229) 430-4849.