Southern State to present spring concerts

Southern State Community College will celebrate the season with a pair of spring concerts April 27 and 28. The first concert of the weekend will be performed by the Southern State Singers under the direction of John Glaze, and the second will feature the Southern State Community Band under the direction of Dr. Brian Siemers. Both musical groups are open to both Southern State students and members of the community.

The Southern State Singers will perform 2 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, 234 N. High St., Hillsboro. The concert will include a wide variety of music, including spirituals such as “Ain’t-a That Good News!” and “Little David Play on Your Harp;” folk songs such as “Shenandoah” and “The Terrible Tale of Tom Gilligan;” as well as some more contemporary pieces such as “A Farewell” and “Earth Song.” Also on the program will be a collection of music from the Broadway hit “Phantom of the Opera,” “Bill Bailey, Won’t You Please Come Home?” and the novelty piece “Count On It.”

The Southern State Community Band will perform 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28, in the Edward K. Daniels Auditorium on Southern State’s Central Campus, 100 Hobart Drive, Hillsboro. The program will include selections from “Phantom of the Opera” and “Porgy and Bess,” as well as transcriptions of Wagner’s “Die Meistersinger” and Tchaikovsky’s “1812 Overture.” As part of a fund-raising effort, the band will raffle a quilt at the April 28 concert. Designed by Caroline Siemers and completed by a master quilter, the quilt combines the themes of music and patriotism.

For more information about the spring concerts or to learn more about joining either open group, please contact Glaze (Southern State Singers) at jglaze@hcf.com or Siemers (Southern State Community Band) at bsiemers@sscc.edu.