

EOU presents 'We've Got Your Number'

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LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon University's chamber choir will present its first live show of 2022 with the multi-genre musical production of "We've Got Your Number."

The performances are on Feb. 4 and Feb. 5 and feature choreographed tracks that range from Bruno Mars to "Hamilton."

"We've arranged the selected songs in numerical order and tied them together to allow for a wide range of musical styles and expressions," said Peter Wordelman, music professor and Chamber Choir director.

Rehearsals began Jan. 4, with choreography practice starting Jan. 7. Nearly 40 choir students are involved.

"It's designed so that all of the students sing a solo at some point. We also all sing as a group," Wordelman said.

"We've Got Your Number" features 22 songs performed as a one-act show, opening with a



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verse from "One Voice" by The Wailin' Jennys and concluding with "Seasons of Love" from "Rent."

"The way it's balanced is never to have four or five songs in a row that you're ever going to be like, 'Eh, I wasn't a big fan of that one.' We try to intermix the genres so that there's a little bit of something for everyone's musical tastes," said choir student Austin Nash.

The entire ensemble is learning complex choreography, taught by Los Angeles-based choreographers Bill Rugh and Michelle Benton, and 25 students have taken on special parts for select songs.

"Austin's job for the production is to learn all of the singing, movement and the moving of props as needed. We know that he's going to know his

solo parts so we don't have to worry about that. But you have to piece all of that together with 38 people," Wordelman said.

"It always feels like it's not going to come together until the end, and then everything comes together and it works," Nash said. "By the time the show rolls around, it will have all come together."

"WE'VE GOT YOUR NUMBER"

Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 5, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

McKenzie Theatre, Loso Hall, EOU

\$8 adults, \$7 students/seniors

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Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 4, and 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5, in McKenzie Theatre in Loso Hall on EOU's campus.

Admission is \$8 adults and \$7 for students and seniors. Group tickets cost \$6 each for 10 or more. Group tickets must be purchased in person.

Tickets are available at Red Cross Drug, in the EOU Bookstore and online at eou.edu/music/weve-got-your-number.

Masks are required for all audience members.

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