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Rust College World Renowned A'Cappella Choir Selected to Participate in the T-36th Annual International Verona Competition

HOLLY SPRINGS, MS - Rust College is proud to announce that its World Renowned A'Cappella Choir has been selected to participate in the prestigious 36th Annual International Verona Competition, scheduled to take place from March 26-30, 2025, in Verona, Italy.

This esteemed choir, with its rich history dating back to the early 1930s, has consistently demonstrated exceptional musical talent and cultural significance. Under the initial directorship of Miss Natalie Doxey, a Rust College graduate, the choir has grown to achieve international acclaim, earning its "World Renowned" title after successful tours across Europe and South Africa, including a notable performance at Notre Dame in Paris, France.

The Rust College World Renowned A'Cappella Choir is known for its diverse repertoire, encompassing major works, anthems, and spirituals. This versatility and musical excellence have undoubtedly contributed to their selection for the Verona Competition, one of the most respected international choral events.

Dr. Robert M. Dixon, President of Rust College, stated, "We are immensely proud of our A'Cappella Choir's selection for this prestigious competition. It is a testament to the dedication of our students and faculty, and the rich musical tradition we have cultivated at Rust College."

Dr. Karl Twyner, the current director of the choir, added, "This opportunity to compete on an international stage is both an honor and a challenge that our students are eager to embrace. We look forward to sharing our music and representing Rust College and the United States in Verona."

The choir's participation in the Verona Competition aligns with its tradition of annual spring tours, typically occurring after commencement. This competition will provide an exceptional platform for the choir to showcase its talents on a global scale and continue its legacy of musical excellence.

For more information, please contact the Office of Public Relations at (662) 252-8000, ext. 4915, cell (662) 544-0950 or at mlesueur@rustcollege.edu.

About Rust College

Rust College is the oldest, most prestigious historically black college in the state of Mississippi. Founded in 1866 by the Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rust College offers degree programs in business, education, humanities, science and mathematics, and social science. Rust College equips and inspires students for excellence and service in their communities and throughout the world. Located in Holly Springs, MS, just 35 miles southeast of Memphis, Tennessee, Rust College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate and baccalaureate degrees.

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