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Featuring a flute performance by Heather Zimmerman, Rocky Mountain College flute teacher, and a guest appearance by the High Plains Chamber Singers, the RMC annual holiday concert, “Lessons and Carols,” will be performed Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012, at 3 p.m., and again, at 7 p.m.

The concert, directed by Dr. Steven Hart, RMC professor of music, will be held at First Presbyterian Church, on the corner of 13th and Poly Drive, in Billings.

“We’re always delighted when we can add some new elements in presenting this traditional Christmas concert to Billings,” said Dr. Steven Hart, RMC professor of music and director of the RMC Choir.

Zimmerman will perform “Arioso,” by Joachim Quantz. The RMC Concert Choir will perform “Psalm 8,” by contemporary Dan Forrest. The High Plains Chamber Singers will offer “Jubilate Deo,” by Orlando di Lasso, and will combine with the RMC Choir to perform a new setting of “There is No Rose,” by California composer Kevin Memley.

Tony Hammond, RMC assistant music professor, will lead the brass ensemble for “Awake, Arise and Hail the Morn,” arranged by Mack Wilberg.

Traditional carols and the powerful “Personent Hodie,” for brass, organ and choir, complete the program, which is free and open to the public.

The program is based on an old English tradition where the Christmas story is presented through choral singing, instrumental music, and the reading of Scripture.

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