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### **WNMU and Theater Group NM Form Community Youth Choir**

Silver City, NM – The Western New Mexico University Expressive Arts Department and Theater Group New Mexico (TGNM) have partnered to form a community youth choir.

The new choir is open to any community member aged eight through 18. A sign-up session is scheduled for Monday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. in Parotti Hall. There is no cost to sign-up.

“Once again the Expressive Arts Department is thrilled to help support musical efforts for the community and our students,” said Ann Marie Elder, Expressive Arts Department Chair.

WNMU partners with TGNM on annual productions. Recent musical plays such as *Oklahoma!* and *Annie* have been products of both organizations along with the upcoming Christmas concert *JOY 2011!* and the planned spring junior musical of *Alice In Wonderland*.

“The youth choir will provide more performing opportunities for children throughout the community,” said Antonio Zapata, director of the WNMU Choir and area music teacher. “We will teach basic music and singing lessons in a group setting and the group will perform a wide range of music from classical to popular.”

The first concert is planned to center around patriotic music for a Veteran’s Day performance. Rehearsals are currently scheduled for Mondays from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Parotti Recital Hall.

For more information, contact 575-538-6503 or [eldera@wnmu.edu](mailto:eldera@wnmu.edu).

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