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### **Hillsdale College Symphony Orchestra Gives Two Weekend Performances in Christ Chapel**

HILLSDALE, Mich. — The College Symphony Orchestra gave two weekend performances in Christ Chapel on Nov. 20-21. The orchestra, directed by Professor of Music James A. Holleman, performed Ravel’s Piano Concerto in D Major (for the Left Hand), arias by Mozart and Dvorak, Sibelius’s “Finlandia” and Respighi’s “Fountains of Rome.”

The concerts featured faculty soloist Brad Blackham, artist/teacher of music, who has performed at venues ranging from Carnegie Hall to the Barbican Center in London. Blackman joined the faculty in 2005.

The performances also featured soprano Emily Douglass, artist/teacher of music, who began teaching at Hillsdale College in 2017 and is recognized for her success in national and international vocal competitions.

Hillsdale’s orchestra is a full-instrumentation college symphony orchestra that performs an advanced standard repertoire. Any student with sufficient performing skill may become an orchestra member by audition or recommendation of the College’s music studio teachers. Performances often feature faculty, student, and guest soloists.

The orchestra’s next performance will be March 5, at 8 p.m. and March 6, at 2 p.m. in Markel Auditorium in the Hillsdale College Fine Arts Center. The concert is free to attend, but ticket reservations are required. Please email [boxoffice@hillsdale.edu](mailto:boxoffice@hillsdale.edu) or call 517-607-2848 for further ticket information.

View photos [here](#).

#### **About Hillsdale College**

Hillsdale College is an independent, nonsectarian, Christian liberal arts college located in southern Michigan. Founded in 1844, the College has built a national reputation through its classical liberal arts core curriculum and its principled refusal to accept federal or state taxpayer subsidies, even indirectly in the form of student grants or loans. It also conducts an outreach effort promoting civil and religious liberty, including a free monthly speech digest, *Imprimis*, with a circulation of more than six million. For more information, visit [hillsdale.edu](http://hillsdale.edu).

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