

Chorale to give shape to water

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Appropriately enough, Bill Dederer was at the beach when he took a moment to talk about the Charlotte Chorale's final concert of the season, the "Wonder of Water."

What better way for the chorale's director to mark the occasion than to stick his toe into the Gulf of Mexico after diving full body into a concert with a water theme?

"It just feels right," he laughed.

The performance is scheduled for 4 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center. The song list will feature lyrics from "He leads me beside quiet waters" to "Splish splash, I was takin' a bath, 'long about a Saturday night."

"It's amazing how much music is referenced to or inspired by water," said Dederer, concluding his fifth season with the 75-member vocal group. "In this one, we have the waterfront covered."

The performance also will feature percussionist Danial Kukuk, the winner of a \$3,000 scholarship from the chorale. Kukuk, 17, is a senior at

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The Charlotte Chorale concert, "Wonder of Water" takes place at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 701 Carmelita St., Punta Gorda. Ticket are \$25 for adults, \$10 for students. For more information, call 941-204-0033 or online at www.facebook.com/thecharlottechorale.

Charlotte High School who plans to major in instrumental music education at Florida State University.

"I was ecstatic," he said of learning he'd won the scholarship. "I was getting kind of worried about scholarships. This is going to help me; my equipment alone runs in the \$1,500 range."

Kukuk will be playing the marimba in "Under the Sea" from Disney's "Little Mermaid."

Performing as part of the chorale's orchestra is an "opportunity for the scholarship winner, and most take it," Dederer said. "He's a fine young percussionist, and it happens he'll be adding a little Caribbean mood to the concert."

Dederer declared the four-concert season a successful one for the chorale, founded in 1989.