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***Carmina Burana* to be Presented at Chattanooga State**

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January 24, 2019 (Chattanooga, TN) --- As one of the most frequently performed choral works of the 21st century, Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana* will be presented in the Humanities Theatre at Chattanooga State Community College on February 28 and March 1 at 7:30 p.m.

With Latin roots, *Carmina* means songs, while *Burana* is the Latinized form of Bueren, a Benedictine monastery in Bavaria. Together, they translate as Songs of Bueren, a collection of early 13th century songs and poems discovered in Bueren in 1803.

First published in 1847, Orff came across the texts that had been translated into English in 1934, and that formed a part of a publication called *Wine, Women and Song*. Orff, with the help of law student and Latin scholar Michael Hofmann, chose 24 songs which he set to music creating a "scenic cantata."

Carmina Burana has been called a "blast," while conductors appreciate its many textures and varieties. Chattanooga State's performance features its Music Department, Choral Arts of Chattanooga, the Chattanooga Ballet and Heritage High School Concert Choir. The Chattanooga Ballet will interpret the work while the Concert Choir, Choral Arts and Heritage Choir perform the music. Admission is free. Please call (423) 697-2460 for more information.