

Vocal ensemble Kitka to perform Jan. 24

Kitka, a women's vocal ensemble, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, in Kumler Chapel.

Using only their unaccompanied voices, the women blend contemporary vocal practice with specialized techniques that originated in Eastern Europe. Kitka's material ranges from ancient village duets to complex choral works to contemporary theatre. The many languages in which they sing include Albanian, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Georgian, Ladino, Russian and Yiddish, with the occasional Latin or Greek.

Their amazing harmonies led performer David Crosby to proclaim, "Truly this is the most wonderful singing I have ever heard."

The free performance is sponsored by the Havighurst Center for Russian and Post-Soviet Studies, with Miami's Performing Arts Series.



Kitka, based in the San Francisco Bay area, was founded in 1979 and has performed for community outreach programs and workshops, radio appearances and motion picture soundtracks.