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Soprano singer, medical student to perform concert

WADENA, Minn. – **May 18, 2018** – Trained soprano singer Rachel Busko will host In Health and Harmony, a free concert for the public, on Wednesday, June 13, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Karvonen Funeral Home in Wadena. Sarah Mensen will serve as her pianist. Busko's performance will be followed by a social hour with coffee, punch and desserts.

Busko has been singing for as long as she remembers. Her parents, both of whom are talented singers, encouraged Busko and her brother to pursue music. She remembers her first solo performance in second grade in front of a crowd of 700 and has loved performing ever since. She went on to double major in biology and vocal performance in college.

Busko's vocal tone and range are categorized as dramatic coloratura, an operatic voice that has a powerful upper registry and can perform complex solos with speed and agility. She performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City on April 8 with singers from around the world under the direction of Eric Whitacre, Grammywinning composer and conductor.

Currently, Busko is a Rural Physician Associate Program (RPAP) student at Tri-County Health Care. RPAP is a nine-month educational experience for third-year medical students at the University of Minnesota. The program gives them hands-on experience caring for patients of all ages in rural communities. Following RPAP, Busko has one year left of clinical rotations and will apply for residency before she receives her M.D.

Registration for the event is encouraged for food-planning purposes. Visit TCHC.org to register.

ABOUT TRI-COUNTY HEALTH CARE

Tri-County Health Care is a private, not-for-profit health care system located in Wadena, Minnesota. It offers care services such as minimally invasive surgery, cancer care, diagnostic imaging, obstetrics and rehabilitation. Tri-County operates a 25-bed hospital and medical clinic in Wadena, as well as six satellite clinics and three physical therapy clinics across Todd, Wadena and Otter Tail counties. Satellite clinic locations include Henning, Bertha, Ottertail, Sebeka, Verndale and Baxter. Visit TCHC.org.

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