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SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK GROUP
PERFORMS AT DENISON UNIVERSITY

GRANVILLE--Sweet Honey In The Rock, an all-female a cappella singing group, will perform at 8 p.m. Friday (March 30) in Denison University's Swasey Chapel.

The concert is a part of Denison's Vail Art Series and is also sponsored by Women's Studies and the Center for Black Studies as part of the University's recognition of the 10th anniversary of the minority studies/women studies general education requirement.

Tickets for Sweet Honey In The Rock's performance are available for $10 each from Denison's Cultural Affairs Office in Slayter Union. For reservations call Ellen Kraft at (614) 587-6695 or write: Vail Series Tickets, College Union and Cultural Affairs, Slayter Hall, Denison University, Granville, Ohio 43023.

Sweet Honey In The Rock was founded in 1973 in Washington, D.C., as a part of the vocal workshop of the D.C. Black Repertory Theater Company. The group sings about political, sexual and racial oppression, mixing elements of gospel, jazz, rock, rhythm and blues and other musical forms.

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There have been more than 20 members of Sweet Honey In The Rock since the group's inception more than 17 years ago. Current members include founder Bernice Johnson Reagon, Evelyn Harris, Ysaye Maria Barnwell, Aisha Kahlil, Nitanju Bolade and Shirley Childress Johnson, who signs the lyrics for the hearing impaired.

Sweet Honey In The Rock has recorded five albums; their second album was selected as the Best Women's Album of 1979 by the National Association of Independent Record Distributors. Sweet Honey In The Rock has played before sell-out crowds at New York City's Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, Town Hall, The Bottom Line and the No-Nukes Concerts at Madison Square Garden. The group also given concerts in Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Ecuador and Scotland.

The Vail Arts Series is made possible by a generous gift from the late Foster and Mary McGaw in memory of Jeanne Vail, a 1946 Denison alumna. The Vail Program provides a range of support for fine arts activity at Denison, including art history, cinema, dance, music, studio art and theater. Each year the program underwrites performances by major artists on the Vail Series and provides for one or more Vail Artists-in-Residence who work with faculty and students to expand and enrich the cultural opportunities at Denison.

CALENDAR LISTING: Denison University, Swasey Chapel, Granville, Ohio--Vail Arts Series: Sweet Honey In The Rock, concert by an all-female a cappella group; 8 p.m. Friday (March 30). General admission tickets available for $10. Call (614) 587-6695 for more information.