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**PERKINS' SACRED HARMONY: THE MUSICAL WESLEY FAMILY**

*Dallas, Texas* – In honor of the tercentenary of the birth of Charles Wesley, Bridwell Library will stage the exhibition “Sacred Harmony: The Musical Wesley Family,” from Feb. 1, 2007 to April 28, 2007, in The Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Galleries at Bridwell Library, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University.

The exhibition, curated by Dr. Carlton R. Young, professor *emeritus* of Church Music at Emory University, former director of the Sacred Music Program at Perkins, and editor of *The United Methodist Hymnal*, features hymn and tune collections, period instruments, and correspondence. Beginning with the parents of John and Charles Wesley, the exhibition focuses on four generations of the Wesleys and their contributions to the development of worship-music and concert and cathedral music in England. The exhibition will also offer opportunities for hearing music of the Wesleys at listening stations in the galleries.

At 4:30

Chapel. Following the recital, Dr. Nicholas Temperley, professor *emeritus* at the University of Illinois, will give a lecture entitled “Music and Charity in 18th-Century England with Special Emphasis on the Lock Hospital.” Immediately afterwards, the exhibition opening and reception will be held in Bridwell Library.

The tercentenary celebration will continue at 8:00 P.M. on Feb. 4, 2007, in Perkins

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Photo attached: Portrait of Charles Wesley. Engraved by T. A. Dean. Bridwell Library Special Collections.

Perkins School of Theology is one of five University-related official schools of theology of The United Methodist Church. The school was founded in 1911 by the Methodist Episcopal Church South, now The United Methodist Church. Degree programs include the Master of Church Ministries, Master of Divinity