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## **Winspear concert to honour King's professor Dr. Jacobus Kloppers, Arts & Culture Hall of Fame award winner in the Builder category**

**Edmonton** – A special tribute to the work of Dr. Jacobus (Kobie) Kloppers will be featured during The King's University College spring concert *Praise Him, Sun and Moon*, to be held at the Francis Winspear Centre for Music on April 8, 2008, at 8:00 p.m. Dr. Kloppers is retiring after 28 years of service as professor of music at King's and has just been named as a City of Edmonton Arts & Culture Hall of Fame award winner in the Builder category.

Through its Salute to Excellence Committee, the City of Edmonton gathers nominations to recognize and honour Edmonton's most outstanding citizens who, through their participation in arts and culture, community service and sports, have made exemplary contributions to the quality of life in Edmonton. Dr. Kloppers will be inducted into the Edmonton Arts & Culture Hall of Fame at a ceremony in June.

"The King's community has long recognized the amazing achievements of Dr. Kloppers," said King's President, Dr. Harry Fernhout. "His contributions to the music community in Edmonton and beyond are well known, and we are pleased to celebrate this award with him."

Dr. Kloppers served on the Organ Advisory Committee of the Francis Winspear Centre for Music (1994-2002) and oversaw the final voicing and tuning of the Davis Concert Hall Organ. The Friends of the Winspear commissioned Dr. Kloppers to write "Canticle of the Sun," which was based on All Creatures of our God and King by St. Francis of Assisi. This very difficult piece for organ, mixed chorus, and brass was performed at the gala for the inauguration of the Davis Organ on September 14, 2002, and will be performed once again during King's spring concert.

Dr. Kloppers has been part of the academic community at King's since 1979, and after 28 years of service is the last of King's original six faculty members to retire. During his tenure at King's, Dr. Kloppers' musical accomplishments and contributions have been significant. He has taught organ privately in Edmonton since 1976, has been the Organist/Choir Director at St. John the Evangelist (Anglican Church) in Edmonton from 1976 to the present, and has been the Adjunct Professor in Keyboard at the University of Alberta since 1997.

"Dr. Kloppers built the music department from the ground up here at King's," noted Vice President Academic, Dr. Harry Spaling. "At King's and in the community, he is truly one of our 'Builders,' and there is simply no way to overstate his importance to us, to his many students over the years, and to the music community."

*Praise Him, Sun and Moon* will feature a special tribute to Dr. Kloppers as well as the musical performances of The King's University College Concert Choir, Chamber Choir and Community Chorus, along with a host of special guests. Dr. Melanie Turgeon will be conducting. Tickets for the April 8 concert can be purchased at the Winspear Box Office (428-1414) as well as from The King's University College Bookstore (465-8306).

The King's University College offers fully accredited Bachelor degrees in the arts, humanities, music, social sciences, natural sciences and commerce/management, as well as an education after degree. King's currently serves close to 600 students from across Canada and abroad, representing more than 16 nations. Faculty are highly qualified, dedicated Christians committed to academic excellence and communicating a Christian perspective in their teaching. Students are challenged both inside and outside the classroom to apply what they learn to their life and their future career.

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