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NOTE: Coverage is invited. There will be a news table. Platform party will be in robing room (above entrance at Kitchener Auditorium) by about 2 p.m. Convocation begins at 2:15 p.m.

Musical tribute to new chancellor
feature of Laurier convocation May 25

A musical tribute to Maureen Forrester will be a highlight of Wilfrid Laurier University's spring convocation May 25 when the world-renowned contralto is installed as chancellor of the university.

Five vocalists currently enrolled in the music faculty's intensive voice workshop will sing the smuggler's quintet from Bizet's Carmen, immediately after Forrester's convocation address.

Two faculty members will be honored at convocation. Dr. Jane L. Campbell, associate professor of English, and Prof. Glenn Carroll, associate professor of business, will receive awards as Outstanding Teachers.

More than 1,000 students will receive graduate and undergraduate degrees at the ceremony, which begins at 2:15 p.m. in the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium. It will be followed by a president's reception on campus.

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Earlier, there will be a baccalaureate service for graduates and their families in the chapel at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, Laurier's federated theological college.

Forrester has sung on five continents and has appeared with virtually every major orchestra. In 1978, she was one of the world's first major soloists to tour China, singing with the Toronto Symphony.

She made her opera debut with the Metropolitan Opera of New York in 1975, and since then has appeared in most of the great opera houses of the world.

In 1967, Forrester was named a Companion of the Order of Canada and, since 1984, has been chairman of the Canada Council, the government agency that promotes and sponsors the arts in Canada.

She received an honorary doctorate from Wilfrid Laurier University in 1975.

Forrester succeeds John Aird, former lieutenant-governor of Ontario, who continues at Laurier as chancellor emeritus.