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Free presentation of silent film, *The Gold Rush*, at Stambaugh Auditorium

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For Immediate Release:

On Sunday, October 25th at 4pm, Stambaugh Auditorium will continue its tradition of presenting classic, silent films with live organ accompaniment. *The Gold Rush*, starring Charlie Chaplin and featuring organist Todd Wilson, will be offered to the public at no charge, but tickets are required. Tickets are available through the Stambaugh Auditorium Box Office.

Released in 1925, this comedy follows Chaplin as the Lone Prospector, who makes his way across the country during the Klondike Gold Rush seeking fame and fortune. The film also stars Georgia Hale, Mack Swain, Tom Murray, Henry Bergman, and Malcolm Waite. The film was written, produced and directed by Chaplin as well. The story chronicles as the Lone Prospector travels through blizzards, battles other gold diggers, and braves a cabin teetering on the edge of a cliff.

The film was re-released in 1942, and, even though it's a silent film, it received Academy Award nominations for Best Music and Best Sound Recording. In 2007, it was ranked 58th on a list of the Top 100 Best American Films Ever Made by the American Film Institute (AFI). In 2000, it was ranked 25th on a list of the Top 100 Funniest Movies in American Cinema by AFI.

Todd Wilson is returning to Stambaugh Auditorium after playing accompaniment with last year's presentation of *Speedy*. Mr. Wilson is head of the Organ Department at the Cleveland Institute of Music and Director of Music & Worship at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Cleveland, OH. He is the curator of the E.M. Skinner pipe organ at Severence Hall and House Organist for the Aeolian Organ at the Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens in Akron. An active interest in improvisation has led to his popular improvised accompaniments to classic, silent films.

The event is available to the public at no charge. It is sponsored by PNC.

Tickets are required and are available by visiting stambaughauditorium.com or calling the Box Office at 330-259-0555.

About Stambaugh Auditorium:

Stambaugh Auditorium is a non-profit public auditorium which opened in 1926 through the generous gift of Youngstown area businessman Henry H. Stambaugh. The centerpiece of the complex is the Concert Hall which has a seating capacity of 2,553 and is renowned for its near perfect acoustics. The auditorium also features a 9,700-square-foot ballroom, a recital hall (The Anne Christman Memorial Hall), and a formal garden at the southern end of the building, all of which can be rented for public, business, or private functions. The venue welcomes national and international performers on a regular basis while also hosting local and regional entertainment events. Stambaugh Auditorium was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.