

CHORAL PLACEMENT AUDITIONS - FALL 2017

The choral program is designed to provide students with an opportunity to continue their choral music participation during their college years. Both music majors and non-music majors are invited to participate in any of the groups.

To be held Friday through Sunday, August 25-27, in Butler 105. When you arrive on campus, please sign up for a time on the door of Butler 105. Incoming freshmen are encouraged to find a time on Saturday. All voice majors must sing placement auditions and be in a large ensemble - either Festival Chorus or Concert Choir.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS:

Concert Choir (meets Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 11:30 to 12:20 pm, and Thursdays 7-8 pm for women & 8-9 pm for men)

A select mixed choir of about 50 voices. Rehearses four hours a week on choral literature spanning five centuries and in a variety of languages. Joins with other choruses for festival concerts and takes an annual tour. The group has performed at state, regional, and national conventions for twenty consecutive years, toured Europe in May of 1996, 1999, 2002, 2005, 2008, 2011, 2014 & 2017 and produced twenty compact discs. Audition required. The Concert Choir will perform the choruses for "Candide" in the spring of 2018 in Carnegie Hall!

Please be prepared to sing a brief solo of your choice that displays your best tone quality. You will also be asked to vocalize for range, sing tonal memory patterns, sight-read, and sing the two choral excerpts located on the Music Department website or attached to this handout. Choose the melodic line according to your voice part and sing with the text. Work for musical accuracy and precision.

Festival Chorus (meets Tues. 7-9 pm and Thurs. 7-8 pm for women & 8-9 pm for men)

A large mixed chorus open to all university students as well as community singers. Rehearses three hours a week and performs a variety of choral repertoire including major choral works. Has performed Handel's *Messiah*, Bach's *B Minor Mass*, Verdi's *Requiem*, Brahms's *Requiem*, Haydn's *Creation*, Honegger's *King David*, Orff's *Carmina Burana*, Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, Jenkins' *The Armed Man*, Forrest's *Requiem for the Living*, Mozart's *Requiem & C Minor Mass*, and Vaughan Williams's *Dona Nobis Pacem*. Also joins with the Concert Choir to form separate women's and men's choruses. Students must audition for voice placement into the soprano, alto, tenor, or bass sections.

Please be prepared to sing a brief solo of your choice or "My country 'tis of thee". You will also be asked to vocalize for range and match pitches.

Mansfieldians/Chamber Singers* (meets Mon., Wed., & Fri. 1:30-2:20 pm)

A highly select ensemble of 8-16 singers, which specializes in vocal jazz as well as music for the vocal chamber ensemble. Two separate ensembles will be formed, but singers can participate in both. Rehearses three hours a week. The Mansfieldians will perform with the M.U. Concert Jazz Ensemble in October and the Chamber Singers will perform in the annual holiday choral concerts in December. There are also occasional off-campus performances. Audition required. **Same audition as Concert Choir. Call-backs will include some assigned jazz and madrigal music.**

***You may choose to audition for both the vocal jazz choir and the vocal chamber ensemble, OR you may select a preference for one or the other.**

THERE WILL BE A FORM TO FILL OUT BEFORE YOU AUDITION FOR THE CHORAL ENSEMBLES in Butler 105. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM BEFORE YOUR AUDITION TIME.

Auditions are five-minutes long for Festival Chorus, and up to 10-minutes for the Concert Choir. When you come to Butler 105, please sign up for two slots if you are auditioning for Concert Choir and for one slot if you are selecting placement into the Festival Chorus.

Those auditioning for Concert Choir must prepare the two choral examples in English.

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