MSU Choral Union to Hold Auditions

Contact: Amanda Darche, MSU Community Music School
(517) 355-7661, ext. 16, adarche@msu.edu

EAST LANSING, Mich. — The Michigan State University Choral Union will hold Interviews/auditions for its fall 2014 season on Wed., September 3 and 10, at 6 p.m. Auditions will take place on the MSU campus in Room 161 of the Communication Arts and Sciences Building, which is at the southeast corner of Red Cedar and Wilson. The first rehearsal will also be Wed., September 3, so those auditioning should be prepared to stay for rehearsal that evening and on September 10.

Auditionees should be prepared to vocalize and sing the first verse of The Star Spangled Banner. Previous choral singing experience is desirable, but not required. No appointment is necessary but auditionees are asked to come at 6 p.m. for a general information session. Individual auditions will follow immediately.

David Rayl, director of choral programs at MSU, conducts the Choral Union. “It offers the opportunity to sing the greatest choral masterpieces of the past 300 years with a first-class orchestra on the stage of the Wharton Center. It’s an unforgettable experience,” says Rayl. “Members of the Choral Union come with a wide variety of musical experiences and abilities. The unifying element is their common love of choral-orchestral singing.”

The ensemble rehearses on Wednesday evenings, 7-9 p.m.

Members pay a $52 per semester registration fee and pay for their own musical scores. Fall 2014 features a performance of Beethoven’s “Hallelujah” from The Mount of Olives, Schubert Mass in G, and Bruckner’s Te Deum with the Lansing Symphony Orchestra. For additional information, please contact musgrad@msu.edu or at (517) 353-9122.

Founded in 1993, the Community Music School (CMS) is the outreach division of the MSU College of Music. The mission of CMS is to provide comprehensive music education – quality instruction, related music services, and educational programs – for interested individuals of all ages and levels.