

MSU Choral Union to Hold Auditions

EAST LANSING, Mich.

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The Michigan State University Choral Union will hold interviews/auditions for its upcoming season on Wed., September 6 and 13, at 6 p.m. Auditionees should meet outside of Room 147 of the MSU Communication Arts and Sciences Building, which is at the southeast corner of Red Cedar and Wilson on the MSU campus. The first rehearsal will also be Wed., September 6, so those auditioning should be prepared to stay for rehearsal that evening and on September 13. 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 arrive at 6 p.m. for a general information session. Private individual auditions will follow immediately.

This fall, the ensemble will perform Vivaldi's Gloria and Handel's Foundling Hospital Anthem with the Lansing Symphony Orchestra and Handel's beloved Messiah with Professor Sandra Snow and the MSU Symphony Orchestra. The spring semester will feature a performance of Mendelssohn's Elijah with the MSU Symphony Orchestra.

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 (\$30 for high school or college students) and pay for their own musical scores (approximately \$20 per semester).

For additional information, please contact musgrad@msu.edu or at (517) 353-9122.