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WOMEN'S CHOIR MUSI 112A/312 - 03: 1 CREDIT

Syllabus FALL 2017

Schedule: MWF 1:00-1:50pm (Music 218 & MRH)
Instructor: Dr. David Edmonds
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PREREQUISITES
Placement with director

REQUIRED TEXTS
Music to be performed (handed out in class)

REQUIRED MATERIALS

Pencil, music, black 3-ring binder

Concert wear: Choir Dress ~\$70; alterations (Cathy Bruch 406-728-5505 or April's Alterations) ~\$10-\$20 – *order by September 5*

<http://www.formalwear-outlet.com>

Choir dress: "Lillian" #D949 ***Color is FLClaret***

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The UM Women's Choir (Cantemus) is a treble ensemble which performs advanced literature from a wide variety of styles, periods, and cultures. Students will learn to perform choral music in a stylistically appropriate manner, with an emphasis on the technique of singing and musicianship. The foundations of artistic singing will be established through daily rehearsals and individual and group preparation. By attaining our highest level of performance both technically and artistically, we attempt to create a shared musical experience through which we seek a better understanding of the human condition.

REGISTRATION

All ensembles in the School of Music satisfy one credit from Group IV: Expressive Arts, of the General Education Requirements. Freshmen and sophomores register for MUSI 112A, Section 03. Juniors and seniors may register for MUSI 312, Section 03.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will...

- ...increase his/her fluency of reading at sight through weekly rehearsals.
- ...display growth in technical skills of singing and musicianship while gaining greater collaborative competence and knowledge of the choral repertory through regular ensemble experiences.
- ...acquire an acquaintance with choral repertoire from several historical and stylistic periods through preparation and performance.
- ...explore the human condition in various forms through the performance of great masterworks in the choral repertory.

ATTENDANCE AND GRADING

As a member of a UM choral ensemble, a high standard of attendance and individual accountability is expected. Students are allowed three (3) absences per semester without penalty, no questions asked. These absences are to be used in any way the student wishes (though it's suggested that they be for emergencies only). For each absence beyond three, the final grade will be adversely affected. Excused absences will be granted for university-sanctioned required events (tours, conferences, etc.). In all cases, I expect you to contact your section leader and/or me *in advance* of any anticipated absence. Singers who do not know their music, fail to participate, or come unprepared, late, or not at all will be graded accordingly. Attendance for **all** items under "CLASS SCHEDULE" (unless indicated otherwise) are mandatory. Missing these events may be grounds for failure and/or dismissal from the group.

CLASS SCHEDULE – Required Events

Month	Date	Day	Time	Location	Event
Sept	17	Sun	4:00-8:00p	Mus Bldg	Cantemus Retreat
Oct	5	R	6:30-9:00p	DT	Dress Rehearsal: Choral Gala (meet at the oval, weather permitting)
Oct	6	F	6:15p call/7:30p perf.	DT	Concert: Choral Gala
Oct	20	F	11:00a	--	No class (MMEA Conference in Bozeman)
Oct	29	Sun	6:00-8:00p	MRH	Dress Rehearsal: Halloween Choral Spook-tacular
Oct	30	M	6:15p call/7:30p perf.	MRH	Concert: Halloween Choral Spook-tacular
Nov	22 & 24	W & F	--	--	No class (Thanksgiving Break)
Dec	4	M	7:00-8:30p	MRH	Rehearsal – Runestad Commission
Dec	10	Sun	7:00-8:30p	218	Rehearsal – Runestad Commission
Dec	11	M	6:00-9:00p	St. Anthony's	Dress Rehearsal: "Joyeux Noël"
Dec	12	T	6:15p call/7:30p perf.	St. Anthony's	Concert: "Joyeux Noël" (all choirs + ICF)

No final exam meeting

OTHER EVENTS TO ATTEND (Optional**)**

Month	Date	Day	Time	Location	Event
Oct	7	Sa	7:00p	Mssla Winery	Opera Theater Fundraiser at the Missoula Winery
Nov	3 & 4	F & Sa	7:30p & 9:30p	UCC	Chamber Chorale and UM Dance: "Celebration Service" Meredith Monk
Dec	8	F	7:30p	DT	SWE, Concert Band, and Opera Theater

Check the board outside of the Recital Hall for upcoming School of Music performances

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT AND THE STUDENT CONDUCT CODE

All students must practice academic honesty. Academic misconduct is subject to an academic penalty by the course instructor and/or disciplinary sanction by the University. All students need to be familiar with the Student Conduct Code. The Code is available for review at:

http://life.umt.edu/vpsa/student_conduct.php

INFORMATION CONCERNING REASONABLE MODIFICATIONS

Students with disabilities may request reasonable modifications by contacting me. The University of Montana assures equal access to instruction through collaboration between students with disabilities, instructors, and Disability Services for Students (DSS). "Reasonable" means the University permits no fundamental alterations of academic standards or retroactive modifications. For more information, please consult <http://www.umt.edu/disability>