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MUSI 312.03: Choir III - Women's Chorus

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WOMEN'S CHOIR MUSI 112A/312 - 03: 1 CREDIT
Syllabus SPRING 2016

Schedule: MWF 1:10-2:00pm (Music 218)
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PREREQUISITES
None

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

REQUIRED MATERIALS
Pencil, music, black 3-ring binder
Concert Wear: Choir Dress $67; expect alterations (Cathy Bruch 728-5505) ~$20;
Makeup for stage performances (optional)
“grizwear” shirt (maroon, grey, white) for Griz athletics performances

COURSE DESCRIPTION
The UM Women's Choir 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.

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 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 repertoire.
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 below (unless indicated otherwise) are mandatory. Missing these events may be grounds for failure and/or removal from the group.

Additional, all University Choir members are required to attend one School of Music performance each semester. Failure to attend at least one performance will adversely affect your grade by one letter grade. Performances in which you participate do NOT count toward this requirement.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Jan
25 M all day 218 First class meeting
29 F 8:00pm (7:30p call) MRH All-Star Honor Choir Showcase Concert

Feb
12-14 F-Su 7:30pm/2:00pm MCT Opera: The Gondoliers (Option #1 for outside concert attendance)
24 W 7:30pm MRH Chamber Chorale Pre-ACDA concert (Option #2 for outside concert attendance)
27 Sat 7:00pm (6:30p call) Adams Cen. National Anthem – Griz Basketball Game

March
13 Su 7-9pm DT DRESS REHEARSAL: Sing Me The Universal
14 M 7:30pm (6:00p Call) DT CONCERT: Sing Me The Universal
28 M 7:30pm MRH Chamber Chorale: Symphonia Mysterium (Option #3 for outside concert attendance)

Apr
4-8 M-F -- -- Spring Break
21-22 R-F 7:30pm MRH Opera Scenes Production (Option #4 for outside concert attendance)

May
1 Su 7-9pm DT DRESS REHEARSAL: Make Them Hear You
2 M 7:30pm (6:00p) DT CONCERT: Make Them Hear You
4 W 1:10pm 218 Final Class meeting (bring music!)

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