

Thanks for your interest in choirs at UNM! This fall (2009) there will be a total of 6 choirs in our program:

- 1) University Chorus, meets Tuesday evenings, 7:30-9:30. It is a non-auditioned chorus and not a Major Ensemble unless special permission is given by the Director of Choral Activities.
- 2) Concert Choir, an auditioned mixed chorus of 45, meets M & W from 3 - 5. It is a Major Ensemble.
- 3) Las Cantantes is an auditioned women's chorus of 20, meets T & Th from 3 - 5. It is a Major Ensemble.
- 4) Dolce Suono is an auditioned mixed chorus of about 35, meets T & Th from 3 - 4:30. It is a Major Ensemble.
- 5) Jazz choir is an auditioned mixed choir of about 20, meets M & W from noon – 1:30. It is not a Major Ensemble.
- 6) UNM Children's Chorus - for children

Auditions will be held every day during the first week of classes, beginning August 24th, and results will be posted on the afternoon of Friday, August 28th. Auditions will be held in my office on a first-come/first-served basis. If you have a prepared piece, that's good, but not required. Sight reading will be a part of the auditions. A pianist will be provided. My office is room 2132 in the Center for the Arts (the same building as Popejoy Hall).

Vocal Performance majors and Choral Music Education majors, as well as most Piano, Guitar and Music Theory majors, need to be in what is called a "Major Ensemble." Concert Choir, Las Cantantes and Dolce Suono are all major ensembles. The University Chorus can be in certain instances, to be decided by the Director of Choral Activities (Ellingboe). All Major Ensembles require an audition for placement. It is not your choice, but the choral faculty's choice, as to who is placed in what group. We will try to accommodate requests when possible, but the decision regarding where you are placed remains with the faculty, not the student.

I hope this answers your questions. I look forward to seeing you in August.

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