

2026-2027 UNM Choirs Placement Process:

Thank you for your interest in the UNM choirs! There is a place for everyone who wants to sing with us, regardless of major or level of choir experience. Please read the following information carefully and complete all steps to be placed appropriately.

EVERYONE:

Before your placement meeting:

Step 1: fill out the [UNM Choir Information Form](#)

Step 2: sign up for [Choral Ensemble Placement Time](#)

Step 3: Attend your placement meeting (first week of classes, and the weekend prior)

Step 4: All results are posted the 1st Thursday of classes and rehearsals begin the 1st Friday

Step 5: Double check your registration to make sure you are registered for the correct class

CHORAL ENSEMBLE PLACEMENT MEETING PROCESS

Choral Placement Meetings are brief (~8 minute) meetings that will consist of:

- 1) A director-led vocal warm up to determine your most comfortable vocal range/tessitura.
- 2) One verse of “My Country ‘tis Of Thee” (use [THIS LINK](#) for the sheet music).
 - a. Sopranos sing in the key of A-flat major
 - b. Altos sing in the key of B major
 - c. Tenors sing in the key of A-flat major
 - d. Basses sing in the key of B major
- 3) Basic exercise(s) to determine comfort level in reading music.
- 4) A time for you to ask any questions you may have.

FOR THOSE WISHING TO SING IN THE UNM CONCERT CHOIR:

Singers wishing to be considered for the Concert Choir must also attend a callback audition.

At this callback singers will:

- 1) Perform a choral excerpt, prepared in advance, one-on-a-part. Bring a digital or paper copy with you to the callback to use. The Callback excerpt is linked [HERE](#).
- 2) Sing a simple voice matching exercise with other singers in your voice section.

Step1: Complete steps 1, 2 and 3 above.

Step 2: Attend the mandatory callback audition the 1st Wed. of classes room B117 3:00-4:30pm. *You must attend the callback to be considered for the Concert Choir.*

Step 3: All results are posted the 1st Thursday of classes and rehearsals begin the 1st Friday.

Step 4: Double check your registration for accuracy!

Looking for information about voice lesson placements? Email Dr. Flora at oflora@unm.edu
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