

## **Choral Activities Program Goals**

The Department of Choral Activities offers a program of study leading to the Master of Music in Choral Conducting. It also serves a vital role in the undergraduate life of the Boyer College of Music and Dance through its several choirs and introductory courses in conducting. The Temple University Concert Choir, Singers, Chorale, and Women's Chorus perform a broad spectrum of repertoire from chamber vocal music to large masterworks for chorus and orchestra.

Concert Choir is a highly select auditioned choir which meets on Tuesday and Thursday's from 1:00-2:50 during fall and spring semesters. The Concert Choir is a touring choir and often represents the college of music in national venues.

University Singers, University Chorale, and Women's Chorus These three choruses are open to all University students and perform a variety of choral repertoire from a broad range of historical styles.

Recital Chorus is a voluntary chorus recruited by MM in Choral Conducting graduate students.

Graduate Conductors Chorus is a chamber ensemble that consists of singers auditioned from Concert Choir. Each singer is awarded a grant for weekly rehearsals with MM in Choral Conducting students.

### **I. Goals: Choral Ensembles**

The Temple choirs are open to all University students by audition and provide potential performers and teachers with excellent choral ensemble skills. Non-music majors from a variety of backgrounds are given the basic skills to enjoy a lifetime of choral ensemble singing.

Students who successfully participate in choral ensembles will be able to:

- A. Sing in ensemble with artistry.
- B. Demonstrate performance of varied repertoire.
- C. Perform choral repertoire demonstrating healthy vocal production to include appropriate breath support, diction, vowel unanimity, aural skill development.
- D. Comprehension and application of stylistic, formal, and historical considerations in music.

## II. Goals: Master of Music in Choral Conducting

Students who successfully complete the Master of Music in Choral Conducting program will be able to:

- A. Acquire the technical, theoretical, analytical, historical, linguistic, keyboard, and vocal skills necessary for successful professional activity or doctoral study.
- B. Acquire the skills and artistry necessary to become successful teachers and conductors.
- C. Develop a high level of conducting skill sufficient to conduct resident ensembles during the course of study.
- D. Develop skills and artistry sufficient to conduct performances of exceptional quality with the Graduate Conductors Choir.