

MUSIC 109

LAKE FOREST COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR & CHAMBER SINGERS

Fall 2009 | MTR 4:00-6:00pm | RE 100 | <http://campus.lakeforest.edu/choirs>

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ABOUT THE ENSEMBLES:

The LFC Concert Choir participates in a variety of choral music exploring classical, global, and popular repertoire for mixed chorus from the Renaissance through the 21st century. Concerts, both on and off campus, may include convention presentations, touring, and collaborations with other ensembles including the LFC Chamber Orchestra, other college and community choruses, and a wide range of soloists. The LFC Chamber Singers is a smaller choral ensemble whose members are drawn from the larger Concert Choir roster.

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Membership in the choral ensembles is an agreement to participate fully in all activities of the choir. Please note the schedule of events in your personal calendar. It is expected that you will attend all rehearsals and performances during the semester. Grading is based upon attendance, punctuality, preparation, participation, contribution, involvement, commitment and improvement, all of which can only be assessed in class.

Students are allowed one week of absences over the course of the semester and all absences will be treated equally. There will be no excused absences with the exception of a College-approved event, a death or emergency within the family, or a written confirmation of a medical emergency or hospitalization.

Preexisting conflicts with rehearsals or concert dates must be submitted in writing to the conductor no later than Friday of the first full week of rehearsals. The nature and frequency of these conflicts will be evaluated to determine participation in the ensemble.

Absences effect grading as follows:

A = 0-3 absences

B = 4-5 absences

C = 6-7 absences

D = 8-9 absences

No Credit = 10+ absences or unauthorized absences from performances or dress-rehearsals

Students are allowed to make up two additional absences in organized make up sessions.

The professional habit of arriving early for rehearsal is the expectation for both ensembles at Lake Forest College. At the very minimum, rehearsals must begin on time with everyone present. Students who arrive after the rehearsal has begun must consult with the conductor immediately following the rehearsal. Excessive tardiness may be considered as part of a student's allocated absence.

VOICE PLACEMENT HEARINGS:

Admission to the LFC choral ensembles is determined by voice placement hearing, however all students-- regardless of major-- as well as all faculty and staff are welcome to participate. Voice placement hearings will be held at the beginning of each semester in Reid Hall 104. Hearings will consist of vocal exercises and a brief sight-reading sample. No prepared solo selection is required.

Voice Placement Hearings for Fall 2009:

Chamber Singers & Concert Choir- 1:00-6:00 PM on Friday, August 29 in RE 104

Concert Choir only- 1:00-6:00 PM on Friday, September 4 in RE 104

To reserve a 10-minute time slot, please sign up on my office door or contact me via email.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

The choral ensembles share rehearsal time from 4:00-6:00 PM on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Occasional additional rehearsals may be called. Please refer to the following schedule for rehearsals during the fall of 2009.

SEPTEMBER 7 - OCTOBER 29, 2009

CC: Fall Concert | CS: Jazz Concert

Monday: 4:00-5:15pm Concert Choir
5:15-6:00 *Chamber Singers staging rehearsals/combined rehearsals with Jazz Combo*

Tuesday: 12:00-12:50pm Chamber Singers men
4:00-5:15pm Concert Choir
5:15-6:00pm Chamber Singers women

Thursday: 12:00-12:50pm Chamber Singers men
4:00-5:15pm Concert Choir
5:15-6:00pm Chamber Singers women

NOVEMBER 2 - NOVEMBER 19, 2009

CC: Fall Concert | CS: Fall Concert

Monday: 4:00-5:30pm Concert Choir

Tuesday: 12:00-12:50pm Chamber Singers men
4:00-5:15pm Concert Choir
5:15-6:00pm Chamber Singers women

Thursday: 12:00-12:50pm Chamber Singers men
4:00-5:15pm Concert Choir
5:15-6:00pm Chamber Singers women

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 8, 2009

CC: Carols | CS: Mendelssohn

Monday: 4:00-5:15pm Concert Choir
5:15-6:00pm Chamber Singers

Tuesday: 4:00-5:15pm Concert Choir
5:15-6:00pm Chamber Singers

Thursday: 4:00-5:15pm Concert Choir
5:15-6:00pm Chamber Singers

SPRING SEMESTER

CC: Il-ACDA & Spring Fling | CS: Mendelssohn

Tuesday: 4-6pm Concert Choir

Wednesday: 7-9pm Chamber Singers at Lake Forest Presbyterian

Thursday: 4-6pm Concert Choir

BORROWED MUSIC:

Each student will be issued a packet of choral music from the LFC ensemble library at the beginning of the semester and will be responsible for returning the packet at the end of the semester. Fees will be assessed for lost music. Choir music must be kept in a standard black performance folder available for purchase at the college bookstore. More information about this folder will be made available during the first week of class. Please bring your black folder with all the semester's music and a pencil with an eraser to every rehearsal.

CONCERT DRESS:

Each choir member is responsible for providing his/her own formal and informal concert dress. Information about where to purchase specific items will be provided during the first week of rehearsal. Concert dress for formal concert appearances includes:

- Men: black dress pants, a black button-down dress shirt or mock turtleneck, a black belt with a silver clasp, black dress shoes and black socks
- Women: floor length black skirt/ dress pants, a tasteful black top with a scoop neck line and three-quarter or full-length sleeves, comfortable closed-toe black shoes (with no more than a 1.5" heel) and off-black panty-hose
- Please refrain from wearing obtrusive jewelry and any fragrance (no perfume or cologne, please—but do wear deodorant!)

Concert dress for informal concert appearances includes:

- All singers: tasteful blue jeans or khaki pants, an official LFC choral department sweatshirt (more information forthcoming), and nice shoes of any kind

STUDENT LEADERSHIP:

There will be opportunities for students to play significant leadership roles within the choir, as section leaders, officers, and as members of a variety of student committees (social, volunteer, promotion, or tour-planning, to name a few committee possibilities.) These opportunities will be presented during the first week of class. Students elected to serve in leadership positions include:

Executive Board	Section Leaders	Class Representatives
Eli Becker (beckese@lakeforest.edu)	Mariana Garcigodoy, Soprano (garcim@lakeforest.edu)	Beth Noe, 2010 (noete@lakeforest.edu)
Meg Golembiewski (golemmm@lakeforest.edu)	Olivia Kagan, Mezzo Soprano (kaganoj@lakeforest.edu)	Caitlin Downey, 2011 (downecp@lakeforest.edu)
Ryan Meadors (meadorj@lakeforest.edu)	Ellen Shipitalo, Alto (shipiec@lakeforest.edu)	Kjerstin Besser, 2012 (bessek1@lakeforest.edu)
Jonathan Sricharmorn (srichjp@lakeforest.edu)	Sean Biggs, Tenors & Basses (biggsst@lakeforest.edu)	tbd, 2013 (...@lakeforest.edu)

TOURING:

Beginning in the 2010-2011 school year, the Lake Forest College Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will embark on an annual concert tour, alternating between spring break and May term. Extended international touring will occur once during every four-year cycle and may include destinations within Europe, Asia, Australia, North & South America, and Africa.

Planning for a concert tour is a mammoth task and will require a great deal of student participation, both in the year of the tour and the year preceding the tour. Planning will begin this year for our initial domestic concert tour, tentatively scheduled for May of 2011.

COURSE SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, August 26: Returning Singers Retreat, 1-4pm

Thursday, August 27: Returning Singers Recruiting Push in the Mohr Student Center

Friday, August 28: CS Voice Placement Hearings, 1:00-6:00pm, Reid Hall 104

Saturday, August 29: Brett Zumsteg Recital, 7:00pm, Lake Forest Presbyterian

Monday, August 31: "Test Drive Choir," 4-5:15pm | Chamber Singers TB Callback, 5:15pm

Tuesday, September 1: "Test Drive Choir," 4-5:15pm | Chamber Singers SA Callback, 5:15pm

Thursday, September 3: "Test Drive Choir," 4-5:15pm | Choir Party, 5:15pm

Friday, September 4: CC Voice Placement Hearings, 1:00-6:00pm, Reid Hall 104

Thursday, October 8: Chamber Singers Men at Homecoming Pep Rally, 9-10pm

Friday, October 9: Chamber Singers Women at Homecoming Cocktail Party, 4-6pm

Monday-Thursday, October 12-15: Workshop with Mollie Stone (Special Schedule)

No rehearsal Mon. or Thurs., but additional rehearsal & informal performance added Wed. afternoon

Monday, October 19: No Rehearsal (Fall Break)

Tuesday, October 20: No Rehearsal (Fall Break)

CONCERT #1: JAZZ NIGHT (Chamber Singers & Soloists)

Friday, October 30: Chamber Singers & Jazz Combo, 7:30pm (6:00pm call)

Saturday, October 31: Chamber Singers at Swim/Dive Meet "LFC vs. RIPON", time tbd (morning)

Sunday, November 8: Chicago Chorale performing at Lake Forest Lyrica Concert (3:00pm)

CONCERT #2: FALL CONCERT (Concert Choir)

Friday, November 20: Dress Rehearsal, 4-6pm

Saturday, November 21: Lily Reid Holt Memorial Chapel, 7:30pm (6:00pm call)

Thursday, November 26: No Rehearsal (Thanksgiving Break)

CONCERT #3: SOUNDS OF THE SEASON (Concert Choir)

Friday, December 4: Caroling in Lake Forest, 4:30-6pm (4:00pm call)

Saturday, December 5: Community Carol Sing-along in Calvin Durand Hall, 10am (9:00am call)

Sunday, December 6: Caroling in Chicago, 6:30-8:00pm (5:23 train inbound, 8:35 train outbound)

Monday, January 11: Returning Singers Rehearsal Retreat & Recruiting Push, 4-6pm (Exec Board Led)

Tuesday, January 12: "Test Drive Concert Choir," 4-5:30pm

Thursday, January 14: "Test Drive Concert Choir," 4-5:30pm

Friday, January 15: Voice Placement Hearings for New Singers, 4-6pm, Reid 104

Saturday, January 30, Chamber Singers at Swim/Dive Meet "LFC vs. IIT", time tbd (morning)

CONCERT #4: ILLINOIS ACDA COLLEGIATE CHORAL FESTIVAL (Concert Choir)

Saturday, February 13: Illinois ACDA Festival, Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois, all day

Monday-Thursday, March 8-11: No Rehearsal (Spring Break)

Tuesday, April 6: No Rehearsal (Student Symposium)

CONCERT #5: MENDELSSOHN'S ST. PAUL (Chamber Singers)

Wednesday, April 14: Lake Forest Presbyterian Church, 7:30-9:30pm (Dress Rehearsal)

Sunday, April 18: Concert at First Presbyterian Church, Lake Forest, Illinois

CONCERT #6: SPRING FLING (Concert Choir)

To be determined