

SKIDMORE CHORUS Fall 2013

Director 2013-2014

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The large choral ensemble at Skidmore is a mixed chorus open to students, faculty, and community members. This group will perform a variety of repertoire encompassing all periods and genres as well as large masterworks.

Expectations:

- Arrive on-time to rehearsal
- Have the necessary music and pencil needed to rehearse
- Attend all rehearsals and concert
- Act professionally and courteously: help set up chairs, do not talk while we are rehearsing, and

No cell phone use on stage. If you need to have your cell phone on you in an emergency situation, please notify the director prior to rehearsal.

- Work hard and have a good attitude.

Rehearsals:

Wednesdays 6:30pm-8:30pm, Ladd Concert Hall stage (unless otherwise noted)

General Rehearsal with Orchestra: **Wednesday, November 13, 6:30-9:30pm**

Dress Rehearsal with Orchestra: **Friday, November 15, 6:30-9:30pm**

Attendance is required at the General Rehearsal, and Dress Rehearsal, and Concert.

Failure to attend a required rehearsal or performance may result in a failing grade.

Concert Date and Attire:

Saturday, November 16, 3:00pm Call TBD

Concert dress: Long black bottoms (ladies may wear pants or a skirt), long-sleeved white top, and black shoes. Footwear must be close-toed and have minimal heel. Jewelry and accessories must be discreet. Please do not wear perfume or cologne. Inappropriate concert attire may affect a student's grade.

Concert attire is not required at the dress rehearsal. Please dress comfortably.

Grading and Absences:

This is a group endeavor. Your attendance at rehearsals is integral to the success of the ensemble. Grading is based on your attendance and your level and quality of participation. Please contact me via email if you will not be able to attend a rehearsal. Everyone is allowed to miss one rehearsal. Subsequent excused absences are at the discretion of the Director. For every unexcused absence beyond one, the student's grade is lowered by one letter grade. **Three unexcused absences may result in a failing grade.** Students receiving credit for the course are required to check in with the attendance-taker for their voice section. All other members of the ensemble will sign in on the sheets provided for their section. Requests for absence approval must be made in writing via email. If the music loaned to you is not returned, you are given an incomplete for the course until the situation is rectified.

Please feel free to contact me with questions, requests for special accommodations, absence approval, or requests for individual or group lessons outside of our scheduled rehearsals. I look forward to creating beautiful music together!

- A 1 unexcused absence, attending all required rehearsals and performance, no cell phone use during class, good posture, markings in music, not talking during rehearsal, helping with equipment
- A- 2 unexcused absences
- B+ /B- 3 unexcused absences
- C/D 4 unexcused absences
- F 5 unexcused absences

Add deadline: September 5

Students may enroll after the deadline with permission from the instructor.

Drop deadline: September 17

Withdrawal deadline: November 18

Substandard performance is documented and affects a student's grade at the discretion of the director. Students may have the opportunity for 1 rehearsal redemption or extra credit for helping set up or take down risers for the final rehearsals and concert or for attending the "Falling into Song" program presented by the vocal students on Friday, November 15, 4:00pm.