

# CHOIR PLACEMENT AND AUDITIONS

August, 2017

Welcome to MLC! We are very thankful that many new students have chosen to include choir as one of their courses. This note provides important information about choir placement and auditions. Please read it carefully.

Students who wish to sing in any of the MLC choirs must audition to determine placement into a choir. If you register for choir or have returned the music course placement and inventory form and indicated that you plan to sing in one of the MLC choirs, you will be scheduled for an audition time during the orientation days in August.

**We ask that, if possible, students who wish to sing in a choir plan to arrive not later than Thursday evening, August 17.**

**Auditions will be scheduled during the orientation days**

**Friday and Saturday, August 18-19.**

**Look for choir audition schedules in your orientation folder and posted in dormitories and other campus locations to find your audition time.**

**College Choir:** A very limited number of incoming students, if any, may be added to the College Choir roster.

Auditions are scheduled on Friday afternoon, August 18, room 217 in the Music Center, with call backs on Saturday, August 19. If you indicated on the Music Inventory Form that you are interested in auditioning for College Choir, Prof. Smith (the conductor) will contact you by email with further information.

**All other choirs:** The first part of the auditions will be scheduled on Friday and Saturday, August 18-19. This part of the audition will determine whether a student is accepted into the choir program or must register for a vocal class. For those accepted into the choir program, the second part of the audition is used to determine specific choir placement. The second part of the auditions will be scheduled Sunday through Tuesday, August 20-22. At the first auditions students will receive more information about the second auditions.

A schedule of initial audition times will be in your orientation folder and posted in the dormitory lobbies and other locations on campus. Please check this schedule carefully when you arrive so that you can be prompt for your audition. This initial audition takes about 5 minutes. You do not need to prepare any music. Athletes on campus earlier in the week may be contacted for an audition time prior to Friday, August 18.

New students who wish to sing in choir are automatically registered for Chorale. This is a temporary registration until auditions are completed. After the auditions, conductors of the Chorale, Männerchor, and Women's Choir will place you into one of the choirs or determine that a vocal class will serve you better. If you are accepted into choir, the conductors will if possible attempt to honor any choir preference you included on the Music Course Placement and Inventory Form you sent to the college. However, placement of students into these choirs is also affected by sizes of the choirs, balance of voice parts, and other considerations. All preferences may not be able to be accommodated.

These three choirs have identical roles in our choral program and have the same responsibilities in regard to singing for chapel, concerts, local church services, and services in area congregations. Each of these choirs meets three times per week at the same time in the class day.