
UNM CHILDREN'S CHORUS

January 2010



Welcome to the University of New Mexico Children's Chorus!

The University of New Mexico's Children Chorus is a non-auditioned chorus serving boys and girls in the Albuquerque metro area between the ages of 5 and 15. Any child who wishes to sing is welcome. Currently, we have more than 90 members in three choruses grouped according to age. We have the Junior Chorus for children in grades K – 1, the Intermediate Chorus for grades 2-4 and the Senior Chorus for grades 5-10.

The UNMCC was formed in January of 2006 to serve as an inclusive, artistically and intellectually challenging musical organization for children from throughout the Albuquerque Metro Area. The group's mission is to provide a vehicle for any interested youngster to pursue extraordinary choral music experiences, regardless of that child's musical background or socio-economic circumstances. The chorus regularly performs in Popejoy hall with the UNM University Chorus and other community groups.

Our Mission:

The chorus was founded under the premise that every individual voice, no matter how skilled or strong brings a distinctive perspective to an ensemble. In forming a chorus that is developmentally, artistically, and intellectually appropriate for young singers, we offer the children of Albuquerque an inclusive means of musically expressing his or her voice in an environment that affirms and celebrates the diversity and uniqueness of each child.

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Performances This Semester

All three choirs will perform in the "MUSIC IS" concert on March 13th at 1:00 PM in Keller Hall in the Center for the Arts at the University of New Mexico.

The Senior Chorus is invited to perform Andrew Carter's "Benedicite" with the UNM University Chorus in Popejoy Hall on April 27th at 7:30 PM.

All Choruses will perform in our Spring Concert on May 8th at 3:30 PM. More details for all concerts will follow in upcoming newsletters.

NM ACDA All State Chorus

Congratulations to eight singers from the senior chorus who will represent the UNMCC in the New Mexico American Choral Directors Association All-State Chorus January 27-30 in Las Cruces New Mexico. They are:

Gigi Alvarez
Kailynn Castillo
Alexis Garcia
Casey Haynes
Kiana Khozein
Carly Strickland
Lonny Thornburg
Drake Wilson

General Information

NEWSLETTERS:

We continually work to improve our communication. We will send home four newsletters with your children. Jan 27th, Feb. 24th March 10th and April 21st. For your information, we publish our newsletters on our website.

WEBSITE:

Check out photos, conductor bios and other pertinent information at www.unmchildrening.com

PARENT MEETINGS:

We have an active parent meeting – our coordinator Jodi Butler will host parent meetings throughout the semester. Our first parent meeting will be held on Wednesday Feb. 17th.

STUDENT INTERNS

Each choir is assisted by student interns, high school students, undergraduate and graduate students -from the UNM Music Education Program who work alongside our conductors to teach, supervise and learn in each rehearsal. We are proud of these student interns and appreciate the many ways they help our program grow.



UNMCC Rehearsal Schedule Spring 2010

- Primary Chorus 4:30-5:30
- Intermediate Chorus 4:30-5:45
- Senior Chorus 5:45-7:00 (except 4/28 and 5/5)

Wednesday Jan 27th New members welcome
Wednesday Feb. 3rd New Members welcome
Wednesday Feb. 10th Last day for new members
Wednesday Feb. 17th
Wednesday Feb. 24th
Wednesday March 3
Wednesday March 10

SATURDAY March 13th ALL CHORUSES WILL PERFORM IN THE MUSIC IS CONCERT – Concert time 1:00 PM in Keller Hall.
REHEARSAL 12:00 Keller Hall – UNM Campus.

Wednesday March 17 – **NO REHEARSAL SPRING BREAK**
Wednesday March 24
Wednesday March 31
Wednesday April 7
Wednesday April 14
Wednesday April 21
Monday April 26 – Senior and Intermediate Chorus will rehearse with Orchestra in Popejoy Hall
Wednesday April 28 – *Senior Chorus will rehearse 5:00-7:00PM

Wednesday May 5th FINAL REHEARSAL

Saturday May 8th Concert 3:30 PM
Reception to follow

WEEK OF MAY 24 – Solos Auditions for our Children's Opera - "Shoes for the Santo Nino" premiere November 2010- All chorus members will participate in the opera – only those interested in solo roles must audition.

Absence Policy

Choral singing is collective, artistic endeavors; therefore chorus members are expected to attend all rehearsals except in cases of illness or family emergency. In the case of illness or family emergency – please contact us and we will excuse the absence. If we do not hear from families – we will assume the absences are unexcused. After three unexcused absences, the child will be permitted to sing in the concert at the **DISCRETION OF THE CONDUCTOR**. The policy does not intend to punish children or families dealing with illness– on the contrary – if your child is sick we want him or her to stay at home and get well. If your child is sick please email or call:

Primary Chorus – Jennifer Warren at unmcc@unm.edu or call 681-5847

Intermediate Chorus – Julia Hoffman at unmcc@unm.edu or call 459-6725

Senior Chorus – Regina Carlow at unmcc@unm.edu or call 277-4825