

CHORAL GROUP PROFILE

UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO CHOIRS

Description

UB Chamber Singers is a select ensemble of 8 voices, with one on a part SSAATTBB. It is a professional-level group meant for those who are serious about choral or solo singing as an element of their career. Members sing independently and with mature technique, and are individually coached on repertoire and performance practice. Typical repertoire includes advanced choral music for 4-8 voices from all eras. Members are required to participate in Choir to be eligible for Chamber Singers, and typically serve as section leaders in the choir.

UB Choir is a large ensemble typically consisting of 30-60 singers. It is a collegiate-level group meant for those with prior singing experience, preferably prior choral or ensemble singing experience. Typical members are interested in high level ensemble singing, learning to blend and grow their voices in a mature choral environment, and singing challenging repertoire. It is an auditioned group and members are required to have music reading ability. Typical repertoire includes advanced choral music in both 4 and 8 parts, and the group often collaborates with the UB Orchestra to sing large works.

UB Chorus is a large ensemble typically consisting of 50-200 singers. It is an amateur group meant for those interested in having a first singing experience, learning more about music through song, or looking to explore their voices and ensemble singing. It is a non-auditioned group, but members are required to be able to match pitch and have a basic understanding of music. Typical repertoire is beginner to intermediate level choral music meant to provide a fun learning experience.

Director

Claudia Brown

Claudia Brown serves as Clinical Assistant Professor of Voice and Choral Music at UB. Holding degrees from Westminster College, Duquesne University, and the University of Cambridge (UK), Brown founded the semi-professional group UB Chamber Singers in 2018. At UB, Brown also teaches sacred music courses, conducting, and applied voice.

Rehearsal Time and Location

Choir TR 4:15-6:15, Chamber Singers TBD, Chorus W 3:30-5:30
Slee and Baird Halls, UB North Campus

Annual Events

Annual concerts at the end of the semester (multiple-on campus and off) and the Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church early each December. More information available at our Facebook page: facebook.com/UBuffaloChoirs

Audition Information

Auditions occur during the first week of classes each semester from 4:15-6:15 pm on Tuesday and Thursday in B1 Slee.