

THE COLLEGE OF
WOOSTER
DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

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Dear First-Year Students,

As you become more familiar with life at Wooster, you will find that there is a strong tradition of musical performance by students and faculty. Each year at the College there are numerous concerts and recitals — many of which feature student ensembles. These ensembles are by no means exclusively made up of students who have chosen to major in music. There are several hundred students, from all walks of life and from all academic disciplines of the College, who participate in the many musical organizations at Wooster.

The Wooster Chorus, founded in 1964, is one of these musical ensembles. This choir is committed to achieving a high level of musical artistry in its performances of the finest sacred and secular music from the great masters of the past, as well as choral repertory by contemporary composers. **The Wooster Chorus** has, since its inception, maintained a rigorous rehearsal and performance schedule that includes four rehearsals each week (Tuesday through Friday afternoons at 4:15 p.m.), numerous performances on campus each year, and a concert tour during part of spring vacation. These tours have included four appearances at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., a performance in Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York, and, recently, concerts in Fort Worth, Dallas, Houston, Pasadena, Sacramento, Philadelphia, Boston, Rochester, Chicago, Ann Arbor and San Francisco. The choir comprises about 50 students and is open (by audition) to any student on campus. A love of singing and a commitment to musical excellence are the primary requirements for participation.

I hope you will consider becoming a member of this choir and I encourage you to participate with other Wooster students in the universal language of music, particularly in singing. Auditions for incoming students will be held on Friday afternoon, August 22nd, from 1-4pm in my office (Scheide Music Center room 207). The audition process is painless and you are not required to bring a prepared song, though you may if you wish to. Please come by during orientation week and sign up on my office door for a time slot. If you have any questions, please contact me via phone (330.263.2050) or email (gbrown@wooster.edu).

Sincerely,



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