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Dear Student,

Greetings from the Choral Department at the University of Utah School of Music! I am writing to let you know about the award-winning choral ensembles at the University of Utah and hope you will accept my personal invitation to audition for one of the choirs this coming Fall.

Some of the highlights for this coming year include:

- A concert tour of Eastern Europe including the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovenia, Croatia, Austria, and Germany
- Participation in the Marktoberdorf International Chamber Choir Competition—Marktoberdorf, Germany
- World premiere performances of newly commissioned works by Imant Raminsh (Canada), Nancy Wertsch (USA), and Guido López-Gavilán (Latin America)
- Performances at the National Convention of the American Choral Directors Association in Oklahoma City
- Performances of the Beethoven “Choral Fantasy” and Holst “The Planets” for the annual School of Music Scholarship Concert
- Performances of Arvo Pärt’s *Te Deum* with the Salt Lake Choral Artists
- Performances of Tan Dun’s “Water Passion after St. Matthew” in the Spring

More information about the schedule and activities for 2008-2009 will be available during auditions August 21-23 and 25-26, 2008.

The University of Utah Singers won the European Grand Prix for Choral Singing in Tolosa, Spain in 2006 and look forward to their fourth international concert tour in 2009. The A Cappella Choir and University Singers recently performed the “Vespers” (1610) by Claudio Monteverdi and received rave reviews. If you would like to hear the choral ensembles on recording, please email me your request for a complementary CD and include your mailing address. Please visit the Singers website at www.uofusingers.org for more information about all our CD recordings and the audition requirements for the coming year.

The choral ensembles are open to **any student** enrolled at the University of Utah. You are not required to be a music major or minor to participate. All students can participate in The University of Utah Singers, A Cappella Choir, and also the Women’s Chorus. The various groups rehearse between three and five hours weekly. In addition to these ensembles, students also have the opportunity of singing with the Salt Lake Choral Artists, a community choir of 180 singers which includes a chamber choir of 50. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings each week from 7:00-9:30 pm at Olympus High School. Information about each choir and audition requirements is enclosed.

I encourage you to audition and join a choral ensemble. I know that performing and appreciating choral music improves the quality of peoples’ lives. I know that singing together and singing for others can create a powerful, transforming experience. And I know that those who love choral music benefit from supporting and sharing with one another. I look forward to meeting you soon and working with you this coming year!

Sincerely,

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