Choral Placement Auditions - September 2021

Dear students,

In an effort to remain as safe as possible throughout the audition process this year MOST of the CHORAL AUDITIONS will be held VIRTUALLY via VIDEO UPLOAD.

Some students (for example 1st and 2nd year voice and opera majors, and new students auditioning for University Singers or Chamber Choir) will be asked to audition IN PERSON for Dr. Langager.

Please read the following instructions carefully, and GOOD LUCK with your audition!

Dr. Langager

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- All five UBC choirs will be offered in-person this year:
  University Singers (MUSC 153/553)
  Choral Union (MUSC 154/554)
  Chamber Choir (MUSC 156/556C/E)
  Women’s Choir (MUSC 156/556A)
  Men’s Choir (MUSC 156/556B)

- ALL students are welcome to audition for a choir at UBC, regardless of your major, your previous choral experience, or year of study!

- Audition results will be sent via email on September 10, 2021. First rehearsals will begin on the week of September 13, 2021.

YOUR AUDITION CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

1. Complete your QUESTIONNAIRE HERE

2. Determine if you are required to do a VIRTUAL or IN-PERSON AUDITION:
   a. IN-PERSON:
      - 1st and 2nd year voice and opera majors
      - Auditioning for University Singers or Chamber Choir
   b. VIRTUAL/VIDEO UPLOAD:
      - Auditioning for Choral Union, Women’s Choir, or Men’s Choir
      - 3rd and 4th year voice and opera majors

3. Complete your audition following one of the two procedures below:

   VIRTUAL AUDITION INSTRUCTIONS

   STEP 1: COMPLETE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE HERE
STEP 2: MAKE YOUR AUDITION VIDEO

- The recording must be unedited and recorded within the past month
- Introduce yourself:
  - Give your NAME, YEAR, and MAJOR
  - Give your voice type (if you know this)
  - Briefly state your previous choral experience (high school choirs, UBC choirs etc.)
  - Please say which high school you attended, including the city and province
  - Do you play a musical instrument (i.e. piano)? For how many years? And can you read music?
- Sing an excerpt of a piece of music
  - Voice or Opera Majors should sing two selections in contrasting styles
  - This should be approximately two minutes in length
  - Please sing your excerpt without accompaniment (sing a cappella)
  - Introduce your excerpt with the title and composer of the piece
  - Note: non-Voice/Opera majors may sing a popular song, folk song, hymn etc.
- Voice and Opera Majors only
  - Please sing a set of ascending arpeggios on your favourite vowel to the top part of your vocal range
    - 1-3-5-3-1, up a half-step, 1-3-5-3-1, repeat
  - Please sing a set of descending scales on your favourite vowel to the bottom part of your vocal range
    - 5-4-3-2-1, down a half-step, 5-4-3-2-1, repeat

STEP 3: CERTIFY YOUR AUDITION VIDEO

- By uploading your video recording to the CLAS platform, you are CERTIFYING that every individual recorded selection (each file uploaded) is an unedited performance that has been recorded within the past month. If evidence of editing is found your application will be disqualified. A student admitted on the basis of a falsified recording will be subject to disciplinary measures, which may include expulsion from the University.

STEP 4: FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES FOR UPLOADING YOUR VIDEO

- Please note: Preferred video resolution is 360p to 480p to allow for faster upload. Video resolution does not alter audio quality. Good lighting and focus are more important than resolution for good visuals.
- Name your files: LastName,FirstName_Composer and Title of Work
- Separately upload each selection. Multi-movement works must be uploaded in one file for the entire work.
- Audio quality must be the best possible for you.

STEP 5: UPLOAD YOUR VIDEO

- Click on the link HERE.
• Log into CLAS using your UBC “CWL Login” username and password.
• The enrolment code to the correct upload folder for your audition instrument/program of study should be automatically applied at login. But, if that is not the case, you can type in the enrolment code provided under each link.

IN-PERSON AUDITION INSTRUCTIONS:

STEP 1: COMPLETE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE HERE

STEP 2: SIGN-UP FOR AN AUDITION TIME HERE

STEP 3: PREPARE YOUR AUDITION MATERIAL

• Sing an excerpt of a piece of music
  o Voice or Opera Majors should sing two selections in contrasting styles
  o Each should be approximately two-three minutes in length
  o Please sing your excerpt without accompaniment (sing a cappella)
  o Introduce your excerpt with the title and composer of the piece
  o Note: non-Voice/Opera majors may sing a popular song, folk song, hymn etc.

• Vocal exercises, musicianship, and aural skills
  o Singers will be guided through vocal exercises (scales and arpeggios)
  o Singers will be tested on aural skills
  o The audition may include some sight-reading

STEP 4: ATTEND YOUR IN-PERSON AUDITION

• Please wear a mask, and follow all safety protocols set by UBC and BC Health.
• Please arrive early to sign in with the Choral TAs. Go to the 4th floor of the Music Building. Your audition will take place in Room 417.
• Be careful of the construction and renovations taking place in the music building!