

FALL 2019

Dear Incoming Freshman and all Returning Students,

On behalf of my colleagues, Dr. Shellie L. Gregorich, Chair of the Music Department, Mrs. Juliane Sharp, the Director of the University Mixed Chorus and the entire music faculty, I would like to welcome you to Eastern Illinois University for an exciting year of music as we celebrate our 12th Anniversary in our beautiful Doudna Fine Arts Center:

According to our records you expressed an interest in one of our choral ensembles. As the Director of Choral Activities at EIU, I wanted to personally send you some information about some of the exciting singing opportunities here at EIU and how to get involved.

CHORAL ENSEMBLES AND PERFORMANCES: There are several choirs at EIU which vary in style, size, repertoire and time commitment, allowing for students of all interests, majors and levels of experience to participate. A detailed description of the different choral ensembles as well as the concert schedule for these groups can be found on the choral webpage link (see below).

ALL SINGERS will meet together on **Tuesday, August 20, at 6:00PM** (*regular choir rehearsal time*) in the Doudna Fine Arts Center Choral/Jazz room #1360). This will also be an opportunity to answer any questions or concerns that you may have. We will also sing together!!! 😊

VOCAL PLACEMENT: On Wednesday, August 21 and Thursday, August 22 all singers will participate in vocal placements. *Please sign-up for a time-slot outside of Dr. Rossi's office door as soon as possible upon arriving to campus.*

ALL SINGERS (music majors, minors and non-majors):

Vocal Placements will be on Wedn. & Thurs. **ONLY** (Aug. 21 & 22) from 10AM-3PM for music majors and 4:00-8:00PM for non-majors at Dr. Rossi's office in the Doudna Fine Arts Center #2425.

Those interested in Concert Choir (MUS 0230-001), a select choral ensemble, should sign-up for **two** 5 minute slots. *Camerata Singers (MUS 0233-001), Early Music Ensemble, is also being offered and singers are chosen from Concert Choir. If interested let me know upon entering my office.*

No one should be concerned about the vocal placement. We will be checking for vocal range, timbre, sight-reading etc. We want to make sure you are placed in the SATB section that is best for your vocal production. ***(Voice Majors and Minors: are expected to have a prepared solo).*** Please bring an extra copy for me to play). All other students **may** bring a solo or **may** choose from the selections that will be posted outside my office door containing hymns, carols and familiar songs.

VOICE LESSONS: Those who are interested in voice lessons can audition the first week of school. You should prepare two contrasting pieces. For further information and to set up an audition time please contact Dr. Julie Park, head of the voice division.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES: Leadership opportunities are available for those who are interested in getting more involved. We will have a strong Student Advisory Board made up of representatives from the University Mixed Chorus, Concert Choir and Camerata Singers. We will be looking for officers to cover: treasurer, fund raising, costume/concert dress, travel, technical director, publicity, tickets, social, cassette/CD and historian.

Other leadership positions include: sectional leaders for weekly sectionals, roll takers and librarians who would be willing to help the graduate students with organizing the choral music folders for the choirs. Details about the above will be announced in class also.....so stay tuned!

Again we would like to welcome you to Eastern Illinois University and we look forward to helping you in any way we can. See you soon. Until then, continue to have a great summer.

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QUICK ACCESS TO HELPFUL LINKS:

EIU Choral Ensembles: https://www.eiu.edu/music/ensembles_choral.php

Doudna Fine Arts Center Concerts: <http://www.eiu.edu/doudna>

Advisory Council:

[https://www.eiu.edu/music/documents/Advisory%20Council%20REVISED%20JOB%20DESC
RIPTIONS%206.2012.pdf](https://www.eiu.edu/music/documents/Advisory%20Council%20REVISED%20JOB%20DESCRIPTIONS%206.2012.pdf)

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