

Music Ensemble Participation

Chamber Singers

A select choir of approximately 16 mixed voices that studies and performs choral literature of various periods, styles, and cultures. Performances occur both on and off campus; touring to local churches on Sunday mornings as well as during Spring Break. Members of Chamber Singers are also members of the University Choir.

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Jazz Ensemble

The EMU Jazz Ensemble provides opportunities for students interested in jazz to learn musical skills and techniques associated with jazz music performance including different jazz styles and improvising. Emphasis is placed on performance of jazz in the big band style. The Jazz Ensemble is open by audition. Preferences will be given to students of saxophone, trumpet, trombone, keyboard, drum set, bass, and guitar. The ensemble performs on campus and at local venues.

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Orchestra

This full orchestra is open to students, faculty, and community players interested in playing symphonic music. Several concerts are scheduled each year, occasionally in collaboration with soloists and other student ensembles. Auditions may be required for wind players. All interested students should come to the first rehearsal of the semester, Tuesday, September 3, 7:15pm on Lehman Auditorium stage. All students are encouraged to participate, not just music majors and minors.

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University Choir

A large choral ensemble representing a wide variety of academic majors. The choir will sing primarily sacred repertoire from all periods of music history. Membership is open to any Eastern Mennonite University student by audition. Alumni, faculty, staff, and community members are invited to join the choir during the fall semester, to participate in the annual Fall Gala Concert or Christmas service.

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Wind Ensemble

A large ensemble open to students, faculty and community players. At least two concerts are scheduled each semester. Students interested in playing in Wind Ensemble should come to the first rehearsal on Wednesday, August 28, 5:00 – 6:00 pm, on Lehman Stage. Some EMU owned instruments are available. Auditions for chairs as needed. Players on all standard band instruments are welcomed and encouraged to join.

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