

Choral Auditions:

Welcome to the 2006-2007 school year. I am Dr. Gary Weidenaar, the new Director of Choral Studies, and am looking forward to a productive year! I will be teaching conducting, choral methods and literature as well as directing the Chamber Choir.

On behalf of Vijay Singh, conductor of the University Singers and vocal jazz groups, I invite you to consider becoming a member of one of Central's choral groups. In addition to University Singers and Chamber choir, this year we will offer a Central Men's Choir, rehearsing once a week on Mondays from 7-9 pm.

If you are interested in University Singers and/or the Men's Choir, you do not need to audition. However, Chamber Choir is for experienced singers and by audition only. (see Vijay for information about auditioning for the vocal jazz groups)

Chamber choir is the premier traditional choral group at Central and will be open to those students at the Sophomore level or higher. Auditioners will need to sign up for a 12 minute slot on Dr. Weidenaar's office door – Room 209.

The audition consists of the following:

- Range check
- Pitch Retention
- Sight Singing
- Rhythm Reading
- Singing the audition excerpt (found in pdf form here) or in an envelope on Dr. W's door
- Singing a portion of a classical piece (unaccompanied, should be an art song or aria, not pop or Broadway. You will only sing 30-60 seconds of it during the audition)

Audition times begin on Sunday, Sept. 17, with times on Monday –Wednesday, Sept. 18-20. Call backs will be for Wed. evening, Sept. 20, with the first class meeting from 12-1:50 on Thursday, Sept. 21

I'm looking forward to hearing you and getting to know you a bit in the coming days. Call the number below or email if you need more information.

Sincerely,

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