welcome to the TROJAN FAMILY

USC boasts one of the finest choral programs in the country. No matter your major field of study we invite you to join one of our five choral ensembles. There is a place for everyone who wishes to sing!

Not only will you have the unique opportunity to experience diverse, high-quality music, but you will join a community of new people as you start your journey at USC. Also, you will have the opportunity to sing in venues throughout Los Angeles, make recordings, premiere new compositions, have solo opportunities, and tour domestically and abroad!

Come, be a part of our excellent tradition–our Trojan Family!

Fight on!

Jo-Michael Scheibe, DMA
Chair and Professor
Department of Choral and Sacred Music
USC Thornton School of Music
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<th>Choir</th>
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<td>Chamber Singers</td>
<td>Thornton's premiere choral ensemble, the USC Thornton Chamber Singers, is directed by Dr. Jo-Michael Scheibe. They have toured internationally to wide acclaim. Chamber Singers will be one of only two American choirs to participate in the 10th World Symposium on Choral Music in Seoul, Korea in August 2014. They enjoy singing for many high profile events in Los Angeles and collaborating with many professional ensembles including the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra.</td>
<td>Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:00–3:50 p.m.</td>
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<td>Concert Choir</td>
<td>The USC Thornton Concert Choir is a larger mixed choir of approximately 60 voices under the direction of Dr. Cristian Grases. Concert Choir performs music from diverse areas of the world including all musical periods. They often combine with Chamber Singers to form the USC Thornton Choral Artists. Most recently they combined to perform Stravinsky’s Symphony of Psalms with the USC Symphony Orchestra and this fall will perform Benjamin Britten’s War Requiem in Disney Hall.</td>
<td>Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:00–3:50 p.m.</td>
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<td>Oriana Choir</td>
<td>The Oriana Women’s Choir, conducted by Kym Scott, Yoojin Muhn, and Anna O’Connell, welcomes any USC women to participate in this ensemble. Performances include early and modern choral music from around the world.</td>
<td>Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:00–5:50 p.m.</td>
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<td>Apollo Chorus</td>
<td>The men of Apollo are a diverse group ranging from freshman to graduate students. Enjoy brotherhood and striving for excellence in performance of music from classical to contemporary a cappella. Apollo is conducted by Matthew D. Nielsen, Karsten Longhurst, and Jason Saunders.</td>
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<td>University Chorus</td>
<td>The University Chorus, conducted by Serena Eichhorn, Tatiana Taylor, and James Laff, is open to any USC student, faculty, or staff member as well as the larger university community. It provides an opportunity for members of the community to sing in a mixed chorus and perform outstanding choral music.</td>
<td>Wednesdays, 7:00–8:50 p.m.</td>
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Nicole Wakabayashi  
Class of 2014

Concert Choir has definitely been one of the highlights of my freshman year at USC! It gave me the opportunity to meet great people through our common love of music and singing. Our spirited director Dr. Grases shows his passion for choral music though his attention to detail as well as his diverse choice in beautiful and challenging repertoire. I’m so lucky to be a part of such a fantastic ensemble and I can’t wait to see what is in store next year!

Kevin Febryan  
Class of 2015

Voice lesson, teamwork, singing from your heart! These are three things that USC Apollo Chorus offers to all their members. My journey with Apollo has been spectacular and wonderful. Working with two great conductors, an incredible pianist, and awesome fellow members, have become a precious experience for me. Despite how busy I am with school and being a non-music major, I always find myself smiling with joy after every rehearsal. I have the opportunity to sing different kinds of songs, learn vocal technique and even sing in different languages like German and French. I had a limited vocal range the past—but now, I feel like I have taken singing to the next level!

Annika Linde  
Class of 2014

My favorite experiences in the Choral Department have been with the graduate students. I have sung for many of them in conducting Recitals, which is a wonderful way to learn about the process of becoming a skilled conductor. Since coming to USC I have sung in several of their Recitals. The most powerfully connected choral experiences I have shared in have been here at USC - singing original compositions in the presence of and even under the direction of the composers.

Drew Schmidt  
Class of 2016

Singing in the USC Concert Choir for my first semester was an awesome introduction to an amazing school. Concert Choir has developed my musicianship, helped me meet new people interested in music, and find an outlet for artistic expression. I am a Business Administration Major, so I don’t normally get a lot of opportunity to express myself artistically in my day-to-day routine unless I make time for it. Choir gave me a consistent way to explore my creativity in a fun and educational environment!
COME JOIN US!
BE A PART OF EXCELLENCE!

HOW DO I JOIN ONE OF THE USC THORNTON CHORAL ENSEMBLES?

Simply email us at uschoral@usc.edu to sign up for an audition time. Auditions for the 2013–14 year will take place at the end of August. If you can’t make it to these auditions, simply enroll in the choir that best fits your schedule and you’ll audition in the first week of class.

ARE THE AUDITIONS INTIMIDATING?

No! We’re a friendly bunch. Auditions for the choirs are quick (ten minutes) and painless; the conductors will decide which choir you are best suited for by guiding you through a warm-up and discussing any previous singing experience you may have had. You don’t need to prepare anything!

I AM NOT MAJORING IN MUSIC. CAN I STILL SING?

Yes! You can study anything at USC and still sing a choir. At USC there is a place for every voice.

WANT TO GET MORE INFO OR SET UP AN AUDITION?
Contact the Department of Choral and Sacred Music Office:
213-821-5756 or uschoral@usc.edu.

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