USC boasts one of the finest choral programs in the country. No matter your major field of study, we invite you to join one or more of our five choral ensembles. At USC’s Thornton School of Music, 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 also join a community of new people as you start your journey at USC. Also, as a USC Thornton choral artist, you will have the opportunity to sing in venues throughout the greater Los Angeles area, make recordings, premiere new compositions for choir, have solo opportunities, and tour domestically and abroad.

It’s an exciting time to be a part of the choirs at USC! Come, be a part of our excellent tradition—our Trojan Family.

Fight on!

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The USC Thornton Choral Program has a history of excellence; begun by Charles Hirt. Esteemed conductors such as Rodney Eichenberger, William Dehning, and Paul Salamunovich have led the choirs to international renown. With Jo-Michael Scheibe as chair, the department continues to distinguish itself as one of the finest choral programs in the United States. When you sing at USC, you come to work with some of the finest choral musicians in the field, including Nick Strimple, Cristian Grases, and Tram Sparks.

The USC Thornton choirs have a long history of performance in both the United States and abroad. The Concert Choir, under the direction of Cristian Grases, was selected to perform at the National Collegiate Choral Organization’s (NCCO) National Conference in 2015. Also in 2015, the Chamber Singers were selected to perform at the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) National Conference under the direction of Jo-Michael Scheibe. In 2014, they performed in Beijing, China at the XII International Festival of Choral Music, and were one of twenty-five choirs to perform at the X World Symposium on Choral Music in Seoul, South Korea. Additionally, the USC Thornton Choral Artists have sung under the direction of world-famous conductors, in venues such as the Walt Disney Concert Hall, and places as far away as New Zealand and Australia.
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THERE’S A PLACE FOR YOU!

Apollo Men’s Chorus
4:00-5:50PM
Mon, Wed

The men of Apollo are a diverse group ranging from freshman to graduate students. This group often sings the National Anthem at on-campus sporting events and released a CD in 2015. Enjoy brotherhood and strive for excellence in the performance of classical to contemporary choral music.

Chamber Singers
2:00-3:50PM
Mon, Wed

Led by Dr. Jo-Michael Scheibe, the USC Thornton Chamber Singers is the premiere choral ensemble at USC Thornton. They were recently invited to Korea to perform at the 10th World Choral Symposium. This highly regarded ensemble has also enjoyed performances with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, Helmuth Rilling, James Conlon, Carl St. Clair, Barry Manilow, Elton John and the Rolling Stones.

University Chorus
7:00-8:50PM
Wed

The University Chorus is open to any USC student, faculty, staff member and the larger USC community. Participation in this group gives its members the experience of singing and performing diverse literature with a large mixed ensemble. All levels of musicianship are welcomed.

Oriana Women’s Choir
4:00-5:50PM
Tue, Thu

The Oriana Women’s Choir is open to all USC women who wish to participate. Comprised of students from a variety of graduate and undergraduate degree programs, Oriana performs a wide range of choral music each semester. All levels of musicians are welcomed and encouraged to join.

Concert Choir
2:00-3:50PM
Tue, Thu

The USC Thornton Concert Choir is a larger mixed choir of 52 voices under the direction of Dr. Cristian Grases. Concert Choir performs music from diverse areas of the world and all musical periods. The Concert Choir was selected to perform at the 2015 National Collegiate Choral Organization Convention in Portland, Oregon.

The USC Thornton Choirs
Q. HOW DO I JOIN ONE OF THE USC THORNTON CHORAL ENSEMBLES?
A. Joining one of the USC Thornton choral ensembles couldn’t be easier! Scan the QR code below to sign up for an audition time. Auditions for the 2016-17 will take place on August 18–19, 22–26. If you can’t make it to these auditions, simply enroll in the choir that best fits your schedule, and you’ll audition the first week of class.

Q. ARE THE AUDITIONS INTIMIDATING?
A. NO! We’re a friendly bunch. Auditions for the choirs are quick (10 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!

Q. I AM NOT MAJORING IN MUSIC. CAN I STILL SING?
A. YES! You can study anything at USC and still sing in the choirs. At USC, there is a place for every voice.

CHAMBER SINGERS
(2-3:50 pm • M,W)

CONCERT CHOIR
(2-3:50 pm • T,Th)

APOLLO MEN’S CHORUS
(4-5:50 pm • M,W)

ORIANA WOMEN’S CHOIR
(4-5:50 pm • T,Th)

UNIVERSITY CHORUS
(7-8:50 pm • W)

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