

University of Southern California

Thornton School of Music

Bachelor of Arts in Choral Music

Program Learning Objectives

Choral Music (B.A.)

The purpose of the Bachelor of Arts degree in Choral Music is to train young musicians to the highest standards of the field of music and in the performance and literature of choral music. Upon completion of the Bachelor of Arts in Choral Music program, students will:

- a. have the knowledge and technical skill to conduct and organize choral ensembles;
- b. have the ability to sing at a professional level in small and large choral ensembles;
- c. have an understanding of vocal production, diction and style as it relates to choral singing;
- d. have the ability to take aural dictation of music and to analyze musical harmony and structure;
- e. demonstrate an understanding of the choral repertory;
- f. be able to work as a leader and in collaboration in areas of musical interpretation and performance;
- g. have an understanding of the societal impact of music and the ethical responsibility of a professional musician;
- h. have the ability to engage in life-long learning;
- i. have the practical, technical and historical knowledge to communicate their values and understanding of music to the world at large.