



January 4, 2011

## **MSU Choral Union to Hold Auditions** *Spring 2011 schedule features performance of Verdi Requiem*

**Contact:**     **Amanda Darche**  
                  **MSU Community Music School**  
                  **(517) 355-7661, ext. 16**  
                  **[adarche@msu.edu](mailto:adarche@msu.edu)**

EAST LANSING, Mich. — The Michigan State University Choral Union will hold auditions for its spring 2011 season on **Wed., Jan 12**, and on **Wed., Jan. 19**, at 6 p.m. Auditions will take place on the MSU campus in the Communication Arts and Sciences Building, Room 147, at the southeast corner of Red Cedar and Wilson.

Auditionees should be prepared to vocalize and sing the first verse of “The Star Spangled Banner.” Previous choral singing experience is desirable, but not required. No appointment is necessary but auditionees are asked to come at 6 p.m. for a general information session. Individual auditions will follow immediately. Those auditioning should be prepared to remain for rehearsal, which begins at 7 p.m.

The MSU Choral Union is conducted by David Rayl, MSU director of choral programs.

“The group is made up of adult singers from throughout the greater Lansing area,” says Rayl. “Its members come with a wide variety of musical experiences and abilities. The unifying element is their common love of choral singing.”

The spring 2011 season features a complete performance of the Verdi *Requiem*. MSU Director of Orchestral Activities Leon Gregorian will lead the MSU Symphony Orchestra, Choral Union, and MSU faculty soloists in a performance on **Saturday, April 30**, at 8 p.m. at the Wharton Center on the MSU campus.

“The Verdi *Requiem* is one of the great masterworks of the choral-orchestral repertoire. It has all the drama and pathos of a Verdi opera, but in this case, the chorus plays one of the leading roles,” said Rayl.

Members pay a \$45 per semester registration fee and pay for their own musical scores. Scores of the G. Schirmer edition of the Verdi *Requiem*, which is required of all singers, will be on sale prior to the first two rehearsals.

For additional information, please contact David Rayl at [musgrad@msu.edu](mailto:musgrad@msu.edu).

###

*Founded in 1993, the Community Music School (CMS) is the outreach division of the MSU College of Music. The mission of CMS is to provide comprehensive music education – quality instruction, related music services, and educational programs – for interested individuals of all ages and levels.*