

THE JOINT MUSIC PROGRAM

CLAREMONT MCKENNA, HARVEY MUDD, PITZER, AND SCRIPPS COLLEGES

Summer 2017

Dear Prospective Music Ensemble Member:

Congratulations on being accepted to Harvey Mudd College! Please accept our best wishes as you embark on this important time of study and preparation for the future.

One of the hallmarks of the Claremont Colleges is a strong commitment to music and the performing arts. The **Joint Music Program of Claremont McKenna, Harvey Mudd, Pitzer, and Scripps Colleges** provides performing opportunities in ensembles of critically recognized quality and musicianship. While these ensembles are comprised of a number of music majors, the majority of our students come from a variety of interests and majors, from science and math to the social sciences, arts and humanities. These are the three Joint Music Program ensembles for which you may qualify:

The 60-70 voice **Claremont Concert Choir** (MUS 173JM, 0.5CR) is an auditioned chorus performing *a cappella* and piano-accompanied literature from the renaissance to the present as well as major works of the 18th through 21st centuries with symphony orchestra. The Claremont Concert Choir regularly rehearses Monday and Wednesday from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m.

The **Claremont Chamber Choir** (MUS 174JM, 0.5CR) is a select, 22-voice group focusing on *a cappella* repertoire from 1300 to the present. More advanced singers may want to audition for this ensemble for which there may be openings. The Chamber Choir regularly rehearses from 5:35-6:45 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays as well as either Monday *or* Wednesday, 4:15-5:30, with the Concert Choir.

The **Claremont Concert Orchestra** (MUS 175JM, 0.5CR) is a 50-70 member auditioned symphony orchestra specializing in major orchestral works of the 18th through 21st centuries. Besides having its own concert series, it annually performs with the Concert Choir. The Claremont Concert Orchestra regularly rehearses Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. The preparation process for each concert includes frequent sectionals with expert coaches from the greater Los Angeles area.

In the fall, the **Claremont Concert Choir** will perform a concert of music by various composers including Monteverdi, Brahms, and Whitacre in a program entitled "Choral Landscapes." The **Claremont Chamber Choir** will perform the Missa Brevis of Palestrina, along with other works, at CMC and at Scripps. **Claremont Concert Orchestra's** plans for the academic year include performances of Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony, Mendelssohn's The Hebrides overture, and other great works by Haydn, Schubert, and Michael Tippett. At the end of 2017-2018, both ensembles will come together to perform works by Bach, Haydn, and Schoenberg. The accomplishments of these two ensembles are many, and we want you to join with us and your student colleagues from your own and other colleges in these highly regarded groups to create these magnificent works of musical art. At the end of 2017-2018, both ensembles will come together to perform works by Bach, Haydn, and Schoenberg. The accomplishments of these two ensembles are many, and we want you to join with us and your student colleagues from your own and other colleges in these highly regarded groups to create these magnificent works of musical art.

Joint Music Program ensemble **auditions** are held during orientation week at the Scripps College Performing Arts Center (10th and Dartmouth Streets). To find out more about auditions, orchestral players may visit:

<http://www.jointmusicprogram.org/orchestra/auditions> while choristers can follow the following link:

<http://www.jointmusicprogram.org/choirs/auditions-choir>.

Instrumental and voice lessons are available at Scripps and Pomona Colleges. Students enrolled in a Joint Music ensemble and taking lessons at Scripps or Pomona are eligible to have their lesson fees covered by our program.

For more information, visit <http://www.jointmusicprogram.org/lessons>.

We invite you to please **tell us of your interests** in Joint Music Program and Scripps College music offerings before arriving on campus by completing this survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/music17>.

We look forward to meeting you when you arrive on campus, and we hope you can become a part of these incredible musical experiences.

Sincerely,

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