

# The Singing Hoosiers

Indiana University Jacobs School of Music

"America's Premiere Concert Show Choir"

A Unique Performance Opportunity for All Students



.....A group of talented and versatile collegiate musicians dedicated to the stylistic performance of a variety of choral music!

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## ***The Singing Hoosiers...***

The *Singing Hoosiers* are one of eleven choral ensembles in the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. The Choral Program numbers over eight hundred singers, approximately one hundred of whom are *Singing Hoosiers*. The course, **Music X070**, is a two credit course for which there is no fee. The personnel of the *Singing Hoosiers*, all regularly enrolled students, come from virtually every division of the university. Students join the group to achieve a level of professionalism in the areas of performance, education, and avocation.

## ***Who May Audition?***

Auditions are open to anyone enrolled in the university. Talented singers are sought who display individual vocal ability, ensemble awareness, and a performer's personality. Previous musical experience is considered. Instrumentalists are sought who wish to perform the various styles presented by a concert-show-popular-jazz choral ensemble. All persons are welcome to audition in an encouraging and relaxing atmosphere.

## ***The Audition....***

The ideal audition consists of the performance of two pieces of contrasting style and tempo that displays your voice at its best. However, one well-prepared piece will be acceptable. Repertoire may be selected from art songs, opera, musical comedy, popular genres, folk, and jazz. An excellent accompanist will be provided. Taped accompaniments are not ideal.

Auditions will be held during orientation week in the Music Annex room **MA404**, Friday and Saturday. Schedule auditions in person at Music Annex **MA051** or call **855-0427**. The audition schedule is as follows:

**Friday, August 29 - 12:30-5:00pm and 7:00-9:00pm**  
**Saturday, August 30 - 9:30-11:30am and 1:00-5:00pm**

***Pre-Audition Workshop...***

An information session will be held on Thursday, August 28, at 7:00-8:00 pm in the Music Annex room **MA404**. Representatives of the Singing Hoosiers will be available to answer questions regarding the group and auditions.

***Performance...***

The *Singing Hoosiers* are proud of their academic year performance schedule. They maintain an *extended* touring schedule and have become world-renowned with performances throughout the United States, the Caribbean, Europe, Australia, and the Far East. The *Singing Hoosiers* are veterans of performances with such celebrities as Mel Tormé, Bob Hope, Duke Ellington, Pete Fountain, Hoagy Carmichael, and Timothy Noble.

During the 1990's the *Singing Hoosiers* were nominated for two Grammy Awards with their Telarc International recordings of A Disney Spectacular and The Music Man. The *Singing Hoosiers* can also be heard on Telarc International's The Magical Music of Disney and Hollywood's Greatest Musicals. In 1995 they recorded a Christmas special with The Cincinnati Pops Orchestra and Mel Tormé which can be seen every Christmas on PBS. Their latest recording was released in September, 1999.

The *Singing Hoosiers* are equally at home performing an oratorio, an opera, a half-time football or basketball show, or a full-length, fully-staged concert of American popular music at Carnegie Hall.

***Concerts in 2008-2009...***

This academic year the Singing Hoosiers have some exciting events planned including the Chimes of Christmas Concert and the Spring Concert during the second semester. The group has various road shows and possible extended road trips are in discussion.

***Rehearsals...***

The *Singing Hoosiers* rehearse Monday-Thursday from 3:35-4:40pm. Commitment to daily rehearsals is essential. **Grades** are determined on the basis of the consistent quality of daily participation and attendance.

***Concert Attire...***

The women of the *Singing Hoosiers* wear a custom-made concert dress. The men wear a full-dress "tails" suit rented through the Singing Hoosiers.

***Additional Opportunities.....***

***Instrumentalists.....***

The instrumental musician is an important member of the *Singing Hoosiers*. Instrumentalists not only enhance the group's choral sound; they lend musical color and texture which helps create the specific musical styles. Interested persons should schedule an audition as if they were auditioning as a singer by following the procedure outlined earlier in the brochure.

***Technical Theater.....***

The *Singing Hoosiers* present an excellent opportunity for a few select persons with experience in technical theater. The extensive performance schedule enables those who are proficient in lighting, sound, and stage management to refine their technical skills within the context of live performance.

***The Varsity Singers.....***

The Varsity Singers is a choreographic unit comprised of members of the *Singing Hoosiers*. They are an auditioned ensemble that performs more advanced choreography that enhances each performance of the *Singing Hoosiers*. They frequently give concerts and tour independently.

***Vocal Jazz.....***

The Vocal Jazz Ensemble is comprised of members of the *Singing Hoosiers* that explore the unique vocal styles of jazz. A non-choreographed group, they are featured on *Singing Hoosier* performances.

***Solos.....***

There are always solo opportunities with every performance of the *Singing Hoosiers*. This opportunity is open to every member by audition.