Welcome to the Tufts University Choral Department! Our singers come from a wide variety of musical backgrounds and academic interests to build a joyful community, united by a love of choral singing.

**ENSEMBLES**

**Concert Choir (Music 69)**
This large choir performs major works with orchestra, including choral classics, new music and other styles including world music, folk, Broadway, and jazz. Rehearsals are Mondays and Wednesdays from **4:30-5:45p** in Distler Recital Hall. Jamie Kirsch, conductor.

**Chamber Singers (Music 70)**
This smaller choir specializes in a cappella and chamber works from the Renaissance to today. Rehearsals are Mondays and Wednesdays from **3:00-4:15p** in Distler Recital Hall. Jamie Kirsch, conductor.

**Third Day Gospel Choir (Music 72)**
The Gospel Choir is an ensemble of 180 voices performing works by traditional and contemporary gospel composers. Rehearsals are Fridays from **3:30-5:30p** with sectional rehearsals scheduled at various times. David Coleman, conductor.

**TOURING & RETREATS!**
The Tufts Choruses tour to Ireland in January 2013 was a tremendous success! This year we will begin planning our next tour, which will be in January 2015. Weekend retreats help build camaraderie and unity within the choirs.

**PRIVATE LESSONS – ENSEMBLE SCHOLARSHIP**
Students enrolled in an ensemble for credit with one semester of prior experience are eligible for a private study scholarship toward the cost of voice lessons.

**QUESTIONS?** Contact:
Jamie Kirsch, Director of Choral Activities
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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Choral Auditions**
*(Details on the back of this sheet)*
Saturday, August 31 and Tuesday September 3, Room 174

**First Rehearsal**
Concert Choir
**WEDNESDAY Sept. 4, 4:30-5:45p, Distler**

Chamber Singers
**WEDNESDAY Sept. 4, 3:00-4:45p, Distler**

Gospel Choir
**FRIDAY Sept. 6, 3:30-5:30p, Distler**

**Fall 2013 Performance Dates**
Chamber Singers: Wed, Nov. 6, 8p
Both Choirs: Sunday, Nov. 17, 3p
Concert Choir: Wednesday, Dec. 4, 4.30p

**Spring 2013 Performance Dates**
Special performances in Spring 2013 TBD
Combined Choirs: Sunday, Apr. 13, 3p
TUFTS CHORAL AUDITIONS IMPORTANT INFO
(for information about the Gospel Choir, please see the Music Dept audition board)

Audition dates
**Saturday, August 31 and Tuesday, September 3** (*Note: You only need to sign up for one time; you may choose to audition for one choir, or both).

Audition sign-up
Please sign-up on the big music department bulletin board, adjacent to the office suite in the Granoff Music Center.

Audition requirements
- One short (2-3 minute) solo song: If accompanied, please provide a copy for the pianist. You may choose any style/genre. A simple song (“My Country ‘Tis of Thee” or “Happy Birthday”) is perfectly fine. If you do not have a song, don’t worry! You will be given something simple to sing.
- Vocalization: Range, intonation, flexibility.
- Ear exercises: Pitch memory, finding notes within a chord.
- Short sight-singing and rhythm-reading excerpts.

Audition results
Emailed by Tuesday night, September 3, and will be ONE of the following:

1. YOU ARE ACCEPTED INTO THE TUFTS CONCERT CHOIR: Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 5. You must enroll in Music 69, either for credit or non-credit. Please enroll online or bring an ADD form to the first rehearsal to be signed by Jamie Kirsch.

OR

2. YOU ARE ACCEPTED INTO THE TUFTS CHAMBER SINGERS: Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 5. You must enroll in Music 70, either for credit or non-credit. Please enroll online or bring an ADD form to the first rehearsal to be signed by Jamie Kirsch.

*NOTE: Students enrolled in Chamber Singers are strongly encouraged to participate in Concert Choir for 2012-2013, especially since the Ireland Tour Choir will be comprised of singers from both ensembles.

OR

3. Due to limited space, some students may not be accepted to either group. These students will be given appropriate feedback, referred to other singing ensembles on campus, and encouraged to re-audition in the spring.

Questions? Please email Director of Choral Activities Jamie Kirsch at jamie.kirsch@tufts.edu.