

Performing Groups



Friday 2:30 Conference Spotlight Performance, 3PM Hallway Performance University of Nebraska–Lincoln Chamber Singers

The Chamber Singers is the University of Nebraska–Lincoln's vocal chamber ensemble. A small choir of 16–24 voices, it is intended to provide the highest level of choral chamber-specific performance experience for graduate and undergraduate singers at the Glenn Korff School of Music and throughout the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. The ensemble is open to all majors. The choir explores a broad range of repertoire specializing in literature for unaccompanied and contemporary small vocal chamber ensembles including works from early music eras and composers from underrepresented communities. They also regularly premiere new music.

Saturday 9:30 Conference Spotlight Performance SMSU Community Concert Band

The SMSU/Community Concert Band was founded in 2007 under the guiding principle of life-long music making. Over the years the band has consisted of students from nearly every department and program on campus while also remaining open to any community member seeking the opportunity to play. As a result the band regularly includes members ranging in age and experience from upper middle school students looking for a challenge to local retired persons eager to share their musical gifts. While the band also includes music majors, often those members are playing on secondary instruments or serving as student conductors during their last semester of conducting study. The band performs a diverse range of music from some of the classics of the literature to newer works by up and coming composers. The band has also been part of several commissioning consortia with composers including Aaron Perrine, Donald Grantham, Shelley Hanson, Ryan Fraley, and Andrew Boysen.



Friday 9:15 Hallway Performance 4PM Orchestra Spotlight USD Chamber Orchestra

The USD Chamber Orchestra is an elite conductor-less strings ensemble with members chosen by audition from the Department of Music and across campus. The concept of performing without a conductor is an innovative approach that creates individual musical responsibility and exact roles in achieving exceptional quality performances. The USD Chamber Orchestra tours the region regularly, performing throughout South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska and Iowa. The group has been selected as a performing ensemble for the South Dakota Music Educators Association Conference and the Iowa Music Educators Association Conference. Some of the recent highlights

include side-by-side concerts with high school orchestras from the region as well as serving as the ensemble-in-residence for conducting workshops at music education conferences. As a part of their upcoming CD "Music by British Composers", the group already recorded Rutter's Suite for Strings and is preparing for its first international tour in Denmark, scheduled for August 2023.



Friday 1:10 Hallway Performance USD Faculty Chamber Winds

The South Dakota Chamber Winds is a chamber ensemble comprised of faculty at the University of South Dakota. Members include: Stephanie Kocher, flute; Luis Viquez, clarinet; CJ Kocher, soprano saxophone; Amy Laursen, horn; and Todd Cranson, tuba. The ensemble is a rather unique adaptation of the typical woodwind quintet, with the use of soprano saxophone and tuba. The group frequently performs on recitals both on and off the USD campus, in addition to numerous outreach school concerts around the area.

