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Second, do you sing in the car or shower?

Do you dream of joining a singing group?

The Missouri State Choral Union needs you.

Today on the Missouri State Journal, I have doctor Aaron Plisko.

Director of the Missouri State Choral Union.

She leads this group, which consists of a cross section of students throughout the university, but also it includes recent alumni, faculty, staff and community members.

While this type of town and gown choir presents a unique atmosphere for the singers to learn and perform together, Pollisco says that these partnerships.

Are fairly standard in a larger university like Missouri State University.

Recently, the group was invited to perform at Carnegie Hall, one of the eminent performance halls in New York City.

The performance will take place in June of 2023. She tells us more about this honor and exciting opportunity.

We will be performing poulenc's Gloria, so it'll be about 30 minutes on stage. This is a masterwork by famous French composer. So we'll have our choir of course, and a few other folks joining us and then an orchestra and a world class soprano soloist. So it'll be some large forces on that stage. We will travel.

There are four days prior to the concert and then we'll have three days of rehearsal with just the choir.

And then the day before, the performance will join with this orchestra that's been assembled just for this performance for us.

And we'll rehearse with them onstage in Carnegie Hall and then have our performance.

The choral union has grown from approximately 40 members in 2018 to more than double that in 2022.

Plisco says they'd like to keep that upward trend growing.

To join the Missouri State Choral Union, it's very simple.

All you have to do is contact me either via e-mail or through social media.

We do have auditions technically, but these are just more a way of me to get to know the singers and figure out where the voice is going to be most comfortable.

There is absolutely no experience.

Required to participate.

We have folks who participate in this ensemble who have literally never sung in a choir in their lives, and they come and they sing with us and they have a great time and they learn a lot.

So it really is open to truly everyone.

I know people get a little nervous when they hear the word audition, but it's really just three or four minutes, just a.

Hey, let's hear what you sound like.

And that's it. We rehearse one night a week on Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:30. It's a low commitment thing that just about 1 evening a week we probably do 2 to 3 performances a semester.

So if someone were interested in joining, but let's say they don't get the message, you know, until a few weeks from now, it's never too late to contact me and.

And start attending rehearsals.

Plisco tells us about the financial commitment for Members who are joining in order to perform at Carnegie Hall.

As you would expect, traveling to New York City and then staying in New York City for four days or I guess it's four nights.

Five nights is not cheap and they put us at a hotel right in the middle of the city and it's.

It's a nice hotel, so it would cost about $1600 for an individual, which all things considered, actually isn't that bad.

If you think about spending five days in New York City, there is a registration process.

So if someone were interested in going on this trip with us, they would have to register for this trip.

And the deadline for that is October 1st.

And again if you contact me, I can provide all the information for that and then once you register, the payments are made.

In installments through this touring company, you wouldn't necessarily have to participate with the ensemble in the fall to go on this trip.

Although we do love, we love new new community members and anyone would be welcome.

The Missouri State Choral Union will be performing and rehearsing throughout the year, Plisko says.

So the Poulenc, Gloria, that we will perform in New York City in June, we're not rehearsing it this fall.

We we have a lot of other exciting music that we're working on.

We will start rehearsing that in January.

So in the spring semester, the choral union will perform with the Missouri State Grand Chorus and Symphony Orchestra in the president's concert. Which will be this?

Coming April and we'll be doing Vaughan Williams C Symphony, so that's just another exciting opportunity for anyone who is a member of the ensemble.

To participate in the trip, the registration deadline is October 1st. If you're interested in learning more or auditioning, contact plisko at Erin Plasco at missouristate.edu. That's.

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