UMS CHORAL UNION ANNOUNCES 
AUDITIONS FOR 2013/14 SEASON 
Auditions Scheduled for August 26 & September 9 

ANN ARBOR, MI (July 26, 2013) – The University Musical Society Choral Union announces auditions for membership during the 2013/14 season. Auditions will be held Monday, August 26 and Monday, September 9, from 6:30 - 10 p.m. in the Great Lakes Room of Palmer Commons (located at the intersection of Washtenaw and Palmer Drive). Singers must schedule an audition time in advance by contacting Choral Union Manager Kathy Operhall, by email at choralunion@umich.edu or by phone at (734) 763-8997. Auditions are open to singers of all ages. The 175-voice Choral Union performs choral music of every genre in historic performance venues in Detroit and Ann Arbor. Members of the UMS Choral Union believe in sharing the joy and hard work of music-making, a moving and memorable activity with rewards that last a lifetime.

The 13/14 Choral Union season opens in December with two performances of Handel’s Messiah with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Choral Union music director Jerry Blackstone (Saturday-Sunday, December 7-8, Hill Auditorium). The UMS Choral Union will also perform Carl Orff’s Carmina Burana with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra (January 30 - February 2, Orchestra Hall) and Brahms’ German Requiem with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra (Friday, April 4, Hill Auditorium). Women from the UMS Choral Union will perform Mahler’s Symphony No. 3 with the Detroit Symphony (May 30-31, Orchestra Hall). Comprehensive information about the UMS Choral Union and the upcoming schedule can be found at ums.org/choralunion.
Auditions for the University Musical Society’s Choral Union consist of a series of vocalization exercises to determine the range and color of the voice, a prepared solo (no more than two to three minutes in length), and sight reading of a Bach Chorale. Singers should plan to arrive at least ten minutes prior to the scheduled audition time, and should bring a copy of the prepared solo in the correct key for the accompanist. Singers are notified of the results after completion of all auditions.

(For publication) To arrange an audition, contact:
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More information about the UMS Choral Union, Choral Union conductor and music director Jerry Blackstone, and the University Musical Society can be found at www.ums.org.