

# Florida State University Ensembles

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## **Bands:**

**Florida State Winds** This graduate student wind ensemble with flexible instrumentation performs large chamber works and also features guest soloists. The group tours and performs on and off campus at conferences and special events.

**Campus Band** The Campus Band is open to all students with interest and experience. It meets weekly during both semesters, responding to students' interests and abilities while rehearsing and performing a wide and diverse literature.

**Concert Band** The Concert Band is devoted to the rehearsal, study, and performance of important band literature.

**Marching Chiefs** The Marching Chiefs is a marching band of approximately 450 students that performs at all home football games and traditionally travels to two or three out-of-town games during the football season.

**Seminole Sound** Seminole Sound is the University's Athletic Pep Band consisting of over 130 members. The Seminole Sound performs for FSU Men's and Women's Basketball, FSU Women's Volleyball, and a variety of other athletic events.

**Symphonic Band** Although made up essentially of music majors, the Symphonic Band is open to all university students by comprehensive auditions. Two performances are scheduled each semester in addition to tours and frequent appearances at national conventions or conferences.

**Wind Orchestra** The Wind Orchestra engages in professional level study of wind literature important to contemporary performing practices.

## **Choral:**

**Chamber Choir** The Chamber Choir is a highly select group of graduate and upper level undergraduate students performing repertoire particularly suitable for a 24- to 32-voice mixed choir both accompanied and a cappella.

**Choral Union** The Choral Union is open to any student enrolled in the University who wishes to sing. Both accompanied and a cappella selections are included in its repertoire. Public concerts are presented throughout the year.

**University Singers** The University Singers is a select group of primarily undergraduate music majors. Their activities include public concerts, both on and off campus, as well as frequent tours and performances at professional conferences.

**University Chorale/Tallahassee Community Chorus** This ensemble is a large mixed ensemble that specializes in the music written for a large chorus and orchestra. The chorus is open to all students and the general public.

**Gospel Choir** The Gospel Choir is a popular choral ensemble on campus that explores both traditional and contemporary Gospel music. The Gospel Choir gives concerts on and off campus and frequently performs at churches throughout the city.

**Women's Glee Club** The FSU Women's Glee Club is open to students enrolled in the University. Public concerts are presented throughout the year, including off-campus performances.

**Men's Chorus** The Collegians, the FSU men's glee club, is open to students enrolled in the University. Public concerts are presented throughout the year, including off-campus performances.

**Opera Chorus** The Opera Chorus performs in the FSU Opera productions.

## **Orchestras:**

**University Symphony** The University Symphony Orchestra consists of 100-plus members who perform the standard symphonic repertoire in a series of seven concerts in Tallahassee and on tours both within Florida and throughout the Southeast.

**University Philharmonia** Membership in the University Philharmonia includes first- and second-year string students and is open to all other instrumentalists through competitive auditions.

**Chamber Orchestra** The Chamber Orchestra is a select organization of faculty members and the most advanced graduate and upper-level undergraduate students. Two concerts are presented yearly, both of which utilize College of Music faculty members as soloists.

**Opera Orchestras** Opera Orchestras are formed for the three fully staged operas that are presented each year.

## **Jazz Ensembles:**

**Jazz Ensembles** The College of Music has three large performing Jazz Ensembles. The top FSU Jazz Ensemble is a nationally acclaimed ensemble drawn from a select group of graduate and undergraduate students, many majoring in Jazz Studies.

**The Jazz/Pop Ensembles** The College of Music Jazz/Pop Vocal Ensemble performs in a variety of settings, and emphasis is placed on comprehensive use of musical and stage skills which culminate in dynamic public performances of jazz and popular vocal music.

**Chamber Music (Jazz Combos)** Small jazz ensembles historically have ranged from traditional New Orleans-style ensembles to modern or contemporary jazz ensembles. These ensembles are featured in a variety of performances that members and faculty schedule.

## **Other Ensembles:**

**Chamber Music** Various chamber ensembles are organized throughout the year for musicians involved in performing chamber literature.

**Opera** The FSU Opera presents fully staged productions, featuring students in principal roles, chorus, orchestra, and technical support.

**Early Music Ensembles** Approximately twelve ensembles that specialize in music written before 1650.

**Music Theatre** A joint program of the College of Music & School of Theatre to produce a major musical each fall among other performances.

**Special Ensembles** A wide variety of chamber groups and special ensembles offer students additional opportunities to perform.

*Source: FSU Band and Ensemble Web Page*

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