



Photo by Shu-Shing Chen

The University Marching Band comes out of its practice room on weekends to perform at Duck home football games.

## Ensembles slate performances

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Students in twenty different University ensembles will display their talents at various festivals, competitions, athletic events and concerts this fall.

The University Singers is considered the premier choral ensemble; it's made up of about 45 advanced musicians. They sing everything from "Gregorian chant to stuff written last year," says director Richard Clark.

This fall the Singers will perform Debussy's "Trois Chansons," Latin motets by Caldara, and other choruses by Mendelssohn and the French composer Desenclos.

Clark also directs the University Contemporary Choir, which sings more lively, modern pieces, show tunes and old pop.

The Women's Chorale will sing Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols," which was written in 1942 for a boys' choir. "It's relatively recent music," Clark says. "But some of it is written in a real old style."

Together the Men's and Women's Chorales are hosting a concert at Beall Concert Hall Nov. 13. They will be joined by the University Singers for the Christmas Choral Concert on Dec. 5.

The University Chamber Choir, directed by Prof. James Miller, will also rehearse this fall, and the University Gospel Ensemble will give a concert the evening of Nov. 15.

The highlight of the choral repertoire will be the annual Messiah Sing-a-long, which takes place Sunday, Dec. 2, at the Hult Center. Selections from Handel's famous work will be performed by University choirs and orchestras and will feature guest conductors and soloists from around the community. The event is a benefit to raise scholarship funds for the music school.

The Collegium Musicum is a group of 10 to 12 musicians who study music "from the beginnings to the eighteenth century," says director Harold Owen. The members both sing and play instruments such as viols, lutes, harpsichords and krummhorns.

The repertoire includes the works of medieval, Renaissance and baroque composers such as Dufey and Monteverdi, as well as some modern works and pieces written by the students themselves. Owen says the ensemble is tentatively planning to give a performance the last week of the term in the University art museum.

The University bands will be busy this fall, according to Steve Paul, associate director of bands. The 150-member "Fighting Duck Marching Band" will play for all home football games, the Homecoming Parade, and a football game against the Washington Huskies in Seattle.

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