

CHORALE

Meet Our Leaders!



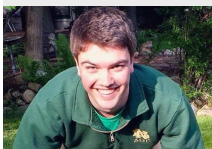
Alex Blachly, Director

Alexander Blachly has been the Director of the Chorale for over 20 years. He earned his Ph.D. in musicology from Columbia University and is the founder-director of the professional New York vocal ensemble Pomerium.



Erin Bishop, President

Erin Bishop is a senior Science Pre-Professional and Psychology major and Honors Arts & Letters minor from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She plans to pursue medical school in 2016.



Nick Herzog, VP

Nicholas Herzog is a senior Aerospace Engineering major from Grevenbroich, Germany. After graduation, he will be working for Textron Aviation in Wichita, Kansas. Nick will be in the flight stability and controls group for the Scorpion Jet, a military surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft.

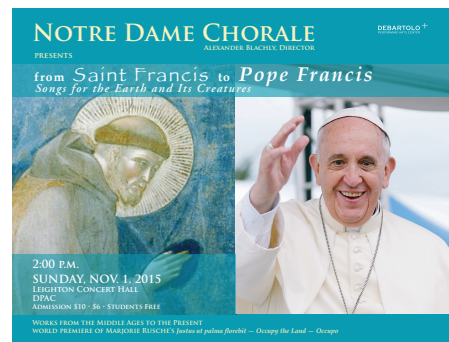


Welcome!

Greetings from the Notre Dame Chorale! We had a wonderful fall semester, welcoming 33 new members for a total of 60 singers for the 2015-2016 season. Our members hail from all over the globe, from Minnesota to Maryland and Hong Kong to Germany. We are excited for the premiere of the Chorale Newsletter, a medium we hope will keep Chorale alumni, families, and friends up to date on our current news and connected to the Chorale community here at Notre Dame, which is getting stronger each year. Thank you to those who continue to encourage our musical art through concert attendance and donations. We would not succeed without your support!

From Saint Francis to Pope Francis

Our fall concert occurred on Sunday, November 1 and was titled "From Saint Francis to Pope Francis: Songs for the Earth and its Creatures". It was a great pleasure to honor their shared love of God's





Good to Know!

Notre Dame Day 2016

Notre Dame Day is coming up! On Monday, April 25, 2016, we would be so grateful if you remember Chorale while donating. Thank you to those who vote for the Chorale! Your generous donations will assist our funding of domestic and international tours. Please visit notredameday.nd.edu for more details.

Concession Stand

On October 10, the Chorale held a concession stand during the Navy vs. Notre Dame football game day. We raised money through sales of grill items, beverages, and Chorale gear. Thank you to the visiting alumni and families who stopped by to hear us sing and support us!

New Website!

www3.nd.edu/~chorale/

creation through song, especially after Pope Francis' historic visit to the United States in September. We performed songs describing all of the earth's treasures, from birds to fleas and sunsets to flowers. One notable highlight was the world premiere of Marjorie Rusche's *Justus ut palma floret — Occupy the Land — Occupo*. We also performed an arrangement of John Scully's *Here Come the Irish*, adding to our school song repertoire.

Performance at Football Game

On September 26, Chorale performed at halftime of the Notre Dame football game against the University of Massachusetts. Chorale, along with the Notre Dame Liturgical and Women's Liturgical Choirs, sang a rendition of "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" and the Alma Mater. This experience was incredible and is one we hope will become a Chorale tradition!



Handel's Messiah Performance

On December 4 and December 5, Chorale performed George Frideric **Handel's Messiah**. A new aspect of this year's performance was a professional Baroque orchestra, which allowed our interpretation to be more historically authentic. In addition to its beautiful sound, one perk the Baroque orchestra gave us was lowering the pitches, making the high notes in the "Hallelujah Chorus" easier for the sopranos!

Winter Tour

Chorale embarked on a tour across the Midwest this January for our annual Winter Tour. We performed sacred music to celebrate the Christmas Season, along with pieces from our fall repertoire. Beginning in Naperville, Illinois, we traveled to Winona, Minnesota; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Des Moines, Iowa; Kansas City, Missouri; and Indianapolis, Indiana. Some highlights include exploring the city of Chicago, visiting the Mall of America, eating Kansas City

barbecue, and performing in many Chorale members' hometowns. It was fun to see Chorale alumni in the audience!

WNIT Christmas Special

This December, WNIT Public Television approached Notre Dame musical performance groups about filming a Christmas Special for the local South Bend community. Chorale, along with the Glee Club and the Symphony Orchestra, was featured in "Christmas at Notre Dame" on December 21st. It was a wonderful experience to share our passion for music with the community and will be something on which we will be able to look back once we graduate.

Spring Concert

Chorale's Spring Concert will be held on Saturday, April 16, at 8:00 PM in Leighton Concert Hall at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The title of our concert is "Tunes from the Old World." We will be singing songs from Ireland, Scotland, Germany, and Italy, several of them harmonized by our Director, others in settings by Beethoven and Schumann. The audience is in for a treat!

Visit performingarts.nd.edu to reserve your tickets!

Merchandise and CDs

Visit Chorale's "Student Shop" at https://shop.nd.edu/C21688_ustores/web/store_cat.jsp?STOREID=8&CATID=405&SINGLESTORE=true to purchase our CDs and merchandise!

Donate to Chorale

We are so blessed to have the opportunity to perform at Notre Dame and on tours across the country and the globe. Because we incur many costs along the way — paying for the Messiah orchestra, producing CDs, mugs, and shirts, and, especially, transportation, whether the chartered bus for domestic tours or air travel and tour packages for international tours — we are grateful for the generous donations of alumni, family, and friends. Please consider donating to Chorale through Notre Dame Day 2016, as described on Page 1.

Here are a few of the amazing things we have been able to do this year with help from donations:

- Participate in WNIT's "Christmas at Notre Dame" special
- Pay the members of the Baroque orchestra for Handel's *Messiah*
- Record and process new CDs

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of Chorale!