

Eastern New Mexico University Chamber Singers

Directed by Dr. Jason Paulk
Eastern New Mexico University
Portales, New Mexico



About the Ensemble: The Eastern New Mexico University Chamber Singers is comprised of singers from all disciplines from the campus in Portales, NM. Specializing in performing choral music from all eras, the ensemble has been praised for highly virtuosic and stylistic singing for decades. Past conductors include Robert Page, George Umberson, and David Gerig. Under Dr. Jason Paulk's notable leadership since 2005, the choral ensembles have toured annually and have performed with the Amarillo, Roswell, Santa Fe, and Southwest symphonies, as well as Caprock Pro Musica, and have been featured at the New Mexico Music Educators Association State Conference and the National Convention of the American Choral Directors Association. The choirs have performed multiple commissions and world premieres in recent years. For example, in 2008, the choirs commissioned and performed the world premiere of "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere," a five-movement large-scale work scored for choirs and wind symphony, composed and conducted by Dr. René Clausen.

The ensemble has undertaken performance tours throughout the southwest (annually), China (2006), Austria, Germany and the Czech Republic (2008), New York (2010/14), Italy (2013, and

France and England (2017). The ensemble is accompanied by the talented Mrs. Kayla Paulk. Check out more information about the choirs at www.enmu.edu/choirs.

About the Director: Dr. Jason Paulk is Director of Choral Activities and Professor of Music at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, NM, where he conducts the University Singers, Chamber Singers, and Swanee Singers ensembles, and teaches beginning and advanced conducting, in addition to choral methods courses. He was honored with the 2013 Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching at ENMU. Jason's degrees include a DMA from the University of Oklahoma, MM in Conducting and MM in Music Education from Westminster Choir College, and BME from Stetson University. Jason taught at Deltona High School in Deltona, FL, prior to attending the University of Oklahoma on a University Fellowship.

Choirs under Jason's direction have performed at state music conventions in Florida and New Mexico under the auspices of the National Association for Music Education, for the 2009 National Convention of the American Choral Directors Association. The Eastern New Mexico University choirs will perform as a "presentation choir" for the 2018 Southwest American Choral Directors Association Convention in Oklahoma City. ENMU choirs have performed numerous world premieres of significant choral compositions, prepared and performed numerous major works for orchestral performance, and performed for audiences throughout the United States, Europe, and China during four international tours. In May of 2013, 95 ENMU students and alumni performed throughout Italy in performances at St. Mark's (Venice), St. Peter's (Rome) and in Florence; in 2015, 75 students and alumni performed in Carnegie Hall in New York City; Summer of 2017 saw 52 ENMU students and friends in performance throughout Paris and London, enjoying the magical acoustics of the cathedrals of Notre Dame, Chartres, St. Paul's, and Salisbury. Jason maintains a busy guest conducting schedule, having conducted recent festivals in Florida, Kentucky, New York, Texas, Mississippi, and New Mexico.

