

Coachmen Singers

The Group

The Holmes Coachmen Singers is our select advanced choral ensemble that performs challenging music from all periods and styles of music history, with special emphasis on sacred choral music. This group is one of the two primary traveling choral ensembles for the college. The Coachmen perform throughout the nine-county district and beyond to perform at local community events, high schools, and churches.

The mission of Coachmen Singers is:

- ♪ to develop healthy and effective techniques of singing
- ♪ to reinforce the fundamental elements of music and music notation
- ♪ to perform quality, respected, and distinctive choral literature, both a cappella and accompanied, from all periods of music history, giving special attention to sacred music
- ♪ to enhance and further the appreciation of the body of choral music
- ♪ to instill and encourage personal and group responsibility
- ♪ to exhibit group unity and campus involvement
- ♪ to facilitate the performance needs of the individual communities within our nine-county district
- ♪ to present and promote the “world class” image that is Holmes Community College

Performance Opportunities

The Coachmen Singers present two major campus concerts each year—a traditional *Carols of Christmas* concert in December, and a high-energy *Spring Pops Concert* in late April or early May. This group also participates in an annual joint concert, which features all of our Music Department’s bands, choirs, and small ensembles, and occasionally spotlights our private lesson students and music faculty. Because of this ensemble’s emphasis on sacred music, many local and district churches frequently call on them to participate in their weekly worship services and activities. When possible, the Coachmen Singers also perform at various district, community, and campus events upon request.

The Coachmen Singers have been privileged to travel to and perform in several prestigious worldwide venues. In 1994, they participated in a concert at the famed Carnegie Hall in New York City, NY. In the spring of 1998, the Coachmen were chosen to represent the State of Mississippi in the National Festival of States in Washington, D.C., performing at such historical venues as the Lincoln Memorial, Mount Vernon, the Washington Cathedral, Charity Children’s Hospital, and the National Soldier and Airman’s Home. Along with the Concert Chorale, the Coachmen have also engaged in two goodwill European tours to Spain in 1996, and to England and France in 2000.

Auditions & Scholarships

Members of the Coachmen Singers are selected by audition and are awarded a scholarship stipend for their disciplined commitment to rehearsal and performance. Scholarships can cover full tuition, housing, and meals, but amounts vary. Audition and scholarship information can be obtained by

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