All interested NMSU singers (both returning and new) must complete two steps to join choir. Singers wishing to join multiple choirs only need to complete these steps **once**...

- 1. Fill out the Choral Interest Form (linked on the Choirs homepage). This helps us learn about your musical background, experience, and interests. All singers must complete this form before scheduling a Voice Check.
- **2.** Complete a Voice Check in August. Voice Checks are a brief meeting with Dr. Gerleman to hear you sing and determine your best-fitting voice part. Dates are:
 - NMSU Students:
 - Monday-Tuesday, August 18-19 (times TBD)
 - Community Members (Masterworks only):
 - Tuesday, August 26 from 7:00–9:00 PM.

*A Voice Check sign-up will be posted to the Choirs homepage in August.

-University Singers and Concert Chorale start rehearsal on Wednesday, August 20th. -Masterworks Chorus starts rehearsal on Tuesday, September 2nd.

What to prepare and expect in your Voice Check?

To join Concert Choir and/or Masterworks Chorus, voice checks will include...

-Vocalization to determine range

-Tonal memory

-Singing the 1st verse of America the Beautiful (PDF on the Choirs homepage)

*Everyone who completes a voice check for Concert Choir and/or Masterworks Chorus will be added to the roster.

**Voice checks for these ensembles can be completed in groups of 2-3 – bring a friend!

To be considered for placement in **University Singers**, voice checks must include...

-Vocalization to determine range

-Tonal Sight Reading (in major and minor keys)

-Singing your preferred part on a prepared choral excerpt [Half-note = 114] (PDF on the Choirs homepage)

*The roster for University Singers will be posted before classes begin on Wednesday, August 20th.

**Singers interested in University Singers must complete voice checks individually.

Please contact Dr. Alex Gerleman, Director of Choral Studies, with any questions! <u>agerlema@nmsu.edu</u>