



MUSIC IN BLOOM

University of Tampa's Spring Choral Collage Strikes the Right Chord

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The University of Tampa's Sykes Chapel was transformed into a symphony of voices and melodies for the recent "Spring Choral Collage" event. From emotion evoking songs to interactive rhythms, the event showcased the unique talents of UT's choral groups, leaving audiences captivated and inspired.



Students immerse themselves in the harmonious melodies of UT's Spring Choral Collage.
Photo by Camryn Ryan

For many students, the appeal of UTampa concerts stems not only from the music, but also from the sense of community it promotes. "Being part of the choir is like being a part of a close-knit sports team, we all have to work together in order to succeed" says Mayaline Martinez, a senior member of the UT Concert Choir. "I feel like I made great connections through choir and a good majority of my friends have become music majors."

Indeed, the spirit of friendship was obvious throughout the evening, as both performers and audience members shared a passion for music. "The atmosphere was lively," said Grace Woram, a student who attended the event. "Seeing members of my school community harmonize together was truly a great experience."

Beyond the enjoyment of the music, the Spring Choral Collage provided a forum for social and cultural exploration. From classical masterpieces to more modern melodies, the songs performed covered a wide range of genres and styles,

reflecting the performers' diverse backgrounds and interests.

Aside from the captivating songs and excellent harmonies, the Spring Choral Collage served as a reminder of the value of community and the arts on campus. As students, it's easy to get caught up in the rush and commotion of academic life, but events like this allow us to take a break, think, and enjoy the beauty that surrounds us.

As we immerse ourselves in the music, we are reminded of its ability to uplift, inspire, and unite people. So, as we bid thanks to another spectacular choral event by the UTampa Music Department, let us carry this sound of unity with us throughout our daily lives.

Want to witness the wonder of music firsthand? Keep an eye out for future events presented by the University of Tampa's Music Department. Everyone can find something to enjoy, from choral concerts to instrumental performances. Stay tuned to the university's event schedule for further information on how you can participate and support your fellow Spartans' passion for art.

When I think back on the Spring Choral Collage, I remember the naturally lit chapel, the hushed anticipation before the opening song, and the collective anticipation as the music began. The air was filled with emotion, and as the voices echoed throughout the chapel, I felt myself being truly immersed in the musical atmosphere. It's a feeling that cannot be entirely expressed in words—a sense of togetherness, enlightenment, and belonging to something larger than oneself. And as the program concluded, I was filled with awe and gratitude for the power of music to move and inspire us as a student body.

Take the opportunity to experience this immersive environment for yourself! The Utampa Music Department is holding its next event by the symphony orchestra in Falk Theatre on Thursday, February 29, at 7:30 PM. Visit www.ut.edu/music for more information on upcoming events!