

Michigan ACDA Student Conducting Masterclass

[APPLICATION](#)

Saturday, October 10, 2026 | 1:30-2:45 pm

WHO CAN APPLY?

Individuals who will be undergraduate or graduate students in the 2026 fall semester.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Application Opens: August 25, 2026

Application Closes: September 15, 2026

Notification of conductors: September 16, 2026

*Conducting Students must participate in the Collegiate Honor Choir with Dr. Derrick Fox.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

The recommendation of a current professor/teacher.

A completed application can be filled out [here](#).

A short video demonstrating the applicant's conducting. It is preferred that auditionees conduct a live choir for the audition video. The video should be 7-10 minutes in length on literature of the applicant's choosing.

CONDUCTOR SELECTION PROCESS:

Applicants will be evaluated by conducting teachers with no association with applicants.

Evaluators will use this [Rubric](#) to evaluate conductors.

2026 CONDUCTING MASTERCLASS INFORMATION:

Clinician: Dr. Jerry Blackstone & Dr. Derrick Fox

Demonstration Choir: The Eastern Michigan University Choir
Dr. Brandon Johnson, conductor.

Repertoire: Conductors will conduct

- Graduate Repertoire
Der Geist hilft unser Schwachheit auf, BWV 226
- Undergraduate Repertoire
Flight Song, Kim Andre Arneson

* It is expected that students will purchase their own scores for preparation.

Masterclass procedure: Four conductors will be chosen, and each conductor will receive 15-17 minutes to work on their selection.

OTHER:

Invited conductors will receive complimentary conference registration.

Please contact **Brandon Johnson**, bjohn122@emich.edu, with any questions/concerns.