

Southern Chorale

Southern Chorale is the premiere choral ensemble of Georgia Southern University and is directed by Dr. Shannon Jeffreys, Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities. *Southern Chorale's* membership draws from the most talented vocal students to provide a professional foundation for performance and choral music education majors and a meaningful musical experience for those University students who wish to continue to sing in an elite ensemble. This primarily undergraduate ensemble performs literature from all styles and periods with an emphasis on a cappella repertoire and masterworks with orchestra.

In addition to numerous campus and community performances, *Southern Chorale* has appeared at conferences of the American Choral Directors Association, National Collegiate Choral Organization, and National Association for Music Education. The choir won significant prizes in the Anton Bruckner International Choral Competition in Linz, Austria in 2013 and months later earned the highest score given in Sing 'N' Joy International Competition and Festival, winning the Spiritual Category. During the summer of 2016, they won the Grand Prize in the mixed category and the spirituals category at the Laurea Mundi Budapest. This summer, they received Gold in the Ave Verum ICC in Baden, Austria and Level I Certificate in the International Chamber Choir Competition in Marktobendorf, Germany. *Southern Chorale* looks forward to this collaboration with the Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra and Chorus after recently performing Brahms' *Ein Deutsches Requiem*.