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## Oberlin College Choir

“Glorious...That a memorable event was under way was apparent immediately.” - Zachary Lewis, *Plain Dealer*

The Oberlin College Choir is a highly select ensemble chosen from students at the Conservatory and the College. Founded by Olaf C. Christiansen in 1929, it has been led by such illustrious conductors as Robert Fountain and Daniel Moe, and has won critical acclaim for performances in the United States and abroad, appearing in such prestigious venues as the Kennedy Center and Carnegie Hall. Assistant Professor of Choral Conducting and Director of Choral Ensembles Jason Harris leads the College Choir.

In 1964, under the direction of Robert Fountain, the ensemble sang 39 concerts in the former Soviet Union and in Romania as part of the Cultural Exchange Program of the U. S. State Department. The ensemble also has a history of performing at Severance Hall with The Cleveland Orchestra and Franz Welser-Möst; for the 2005-2006 season the choir sang Mendelssohn's *Midsummer Night's Dream* with Dame Felicity Lott. Additional collaborations include a 2006 multi-media performance with the Kronos Quartet in Cleveland, Ohio, appearances as part of the Cleveland Museum of Art's VIVA! series, and a 2006 guest performance at the ACS Central Division Convention in Chicago, Illinois.