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Make music at UH West O'ahu this fall

O'ahu high school juniors and seniors, UHWO students, faculty, staff and community members encouraged to apply for UH West O'ahu Band and other music offerings

KAPOLEI --- Join the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu band, sing with the University Chorus, and play guitar and sing in the Hawaiian Ensemble at UH West O'ahu this fall.

University Band

The UH West O'ahu University Band welcomes new members as the band continues its second season at the University. Chadwick Kamei, Pearl City High School director of bands, and leader of the award-winning Pearl City High School "Charger" Marching Band, will teach the UH West O'ahu University Band (MUS 419) course. Eligible band members include:

- UHWO students, faculty, staff, and community members with band experience,
- O'ahu high school band junior or senior students participating in the Department of Education Running Start program that offers simultaneous high school and college credit; or Early Admission program that offers college credit only and
- Hawai'i State Department of Education teachers taking MUS 419 for teacher reclassification credit.

All band members will receive UH West O'ahu course credit for University Band MUS 419. Instruction begins Sept. 2 and will take place in the Pearl City High School band room on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. High school students interested in joining the UH West O'ahu band should speak with their college counselor about applying for the Running Start or Early Admission program. All interested participants should contact Pearl City High School Director of Bands Chadwick Kamei at ckamei@hawaii.edu to schedule an audition. For all other questions, contact UH West O'ahu Assistant Professor of Music, Dr. Jon Magnussen at jonmagnu@hawaii.edu.

View a [video performance of the UH West O'ahu band performing at Ala Moana Center Stage](#).

University Chorus

The UH West O'ahu University Chorus (MUS 114), under the direction of Karol Nowicki, also welcomes new members for its fall 2015 season. Rehearsals begin on Tuesday, Aug. 25, with classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. at UH West O'ahu. The University Chorus welcomes community musicians in addition to UH West O'ahu students, faculty and staff. Members will spend the term singing choral literature from the

Renaissance to the present, improving vocal technique, musicianship, and listening and ensemble skills. The ability to read music is not required.

Highlights of the fall semester include a collaborative concert with the University Band and the Hawaiian Ensemble on Saturday, Nov. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Pearl City Cultural Center. For more information, contact UHWO Assistant Professor of Music, Dr. Jon Magnussen at jonmagnu@hawaii.edu or Choral Director, Karol Nowicki at karoln@hawaii.edu.

View a [video performance of the UH West O'ahu University Chorus](#) performing in the UHWO Library.

Hawaiian Ensemble

Now in its second year, UHWO Hawaiian Ensemble (MUS 211/MUS 311) is open to all students who can sing or play an instrument. Directed by kumu Kamuela Kimokeo, students work in small groups on Tuesday and Thursdays from 12:30-1:50 p.m. to create arrangements in the *nahenahe* (sweet, gentle) style and practice group performances, honing their *kani ka pila* (style of Hawaiian music produced in a group setting during an impromptu jam session) skills as collaborative musicians. At the end of the semester, students perform with a well-known local Hawaiian music artist. Past artists include Kawika Kahiapo, Bobby Moderow, and Jerry Santos. The semester culminates with a collaborative concert with the University Band and University Chorus on Saturday, Nov. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Pearl City Cultural Center.

For more information, contact Kamuela Kimokeo at kamuelam@hawaii.edu or UHWO Assistant Professor of Music, Dr. Jon Magnussen at jonmagnu@hawaii.edu

To apply to UH West O'ahu, visit www.uhwo.hawaii.edu/admissions, call (808) 689-2900 or email uhwo.admissions@hawaii.edu.

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