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## **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY'S CHAMBER CHOIR RETURNS FROM SUCCESSFUL TOUR TO SOUTH KOREA**

Fort Collins, CO – The Colorado State University Chamber Choir from the Department of Music in the School of the Arts recently returned from a 9-day tour of South Korea where they were invited to perform as a special guest choir in the Third Changwon Grand Prix Choral Festival.

The Grand Prix Choral Festival, hosted by the city of Changwon in South Korea, is a two-day festival featuring invited, internationally-known professional ensembles such as the Philippine Madrigal Singers and the Swingle Singers. The 27-member Colorado State Chamber Choir was the first non-professional choral group to be invited to participate in the festival. One of the Chamber Choir's concerts was recorded and will be nationally televised in South Korea.

From Oct. 25 to Nov. 4, the CSU Chamber Choir performed 5 concerts and experienced the many educational and cultural rewards of international travel as they were exposed to a different language, musical experiences and cultures. In addition to participation at the Choral Festival, the Chamber Choir also toured the country and performed at the Sooneui Church, a large Methodist Church in Incheon with approximately 50,000 people in the congregation, at the Sook-Myung University, and at the Choongmu Art Hall, a professional concert hall with 900 seats, in a joint concert with an internationally renowned choir, Yoon Hakwon Chorale.

"Not only did the singers perform each concert at the highest artistic level with utmost professionalism, but they also gained insights about the country by immersing themselves in the culture for 9 days," says James Kim, Director of Choral Studies for the Department of Music and director of the Chamber Choir.

Invitation and participation in the Choral Festival was a high honor for the Chamber Choir. They received \$16,000 as an honorarium for their appearance, which was used to provide airfare for the students. The group received gracious receptions from the country and its people throughout the trip. One major highlight was a reception that was held in their honor by the mayor of Changwon with many important regional dignitaries in attendance.

For more information on the Colorado State University School of the Arts and the Department of Music, visit [www.CSUSchooloftheArts.com](http://www.CSUSchooloftheArts.com).

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