

**University of Saskatchewan
Greystone Singers News Release**

This past spring the choir won first prize in the Mixed-Voice Collegiate Choirs category of the biennial *ACCC-CBC National Competition for Amateur Choirs*. Over the past fourteen years they have been national semifinalists, also winning second prize in 2006 and 2010. Besides performing at many local events, festivals, and with the Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra, the “Greystones” annually tour throughout Saskatchewan. They make frequent appearances elsewhere in Canada, and occasionally visit the United States, Europe, and other countries, including Cuba. In February 2007 the choir performed in Vienna, Salzburg, Prague and at Mazaryk University in Brno. In May 2010 they toured China performing in Shanghai, Xi’an Jiaotong University, Beijing Institute of Technology and the Beijing Central Conservatory of Music, followed by an invited performance in Saskatoon at *Podium*.....the national biennial convention of the Association of Canadian Choral Communities. In July 2013 they toured in Europe along with the Wind Orchestra, performing in Interlaken, Switzerland and Kerkrade, Netherlands.

Their conductor, **Gerald Langner**, is Professor and Head of the Department of Music. A native of Jansen, Saskatchewan, he received Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degrees from the University of Saskatchewan, and Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees from West Texas A & M and Michigan State Universities. He has released three CDs and published articles in journals such as the *Canadian Music Educator* and *Anacrusis*, a periodical of the Association of Canadian Choral Communities. A recipient of the Dwaine Nelson Master Teacher Award in 2004, a past president of the Saskatchewan Choral Federation and a recipient of its *Pro Musica* award in 2010, Dr. Langner teaches classes in choral pedagogy and secondary methods, choral literature, and music education. He remains active as a clinician and adjudicator for workshops and festivals throughout Canada.