The “City that Never Sleeps” has been home to many of the brightest and most talented musicians for decades. Though the road getting there for most of them has been long and challenging, their triumphs and successes have made New York into one of the biggest cultural centers in the United States. The members of the San Jose State Concert Choir and Choraliers have taken their first steps on that road to Carnegie Hall. We are excited to announce our participation in the Classic Masterworks series put on by Manhattan Concert productions at the famous music hall. On April 27, 2014 Concert Choir, under the direction of Dr. Jeffrey Benson, will present Gabriel Fauré’s “Requiem” alongside professional soloists and the New York City Chamber Orchestra. Our esteemed 36 member chamber choir Choraliers is thrilled for the opportunity to perform as well. They will present a 12 minute set featuring talented Mezzo Soprano Layna Chianakas, San Jose State Vocal Department Chair. This event is special for many reasons, starting with it being both Dr. Benson and Professor Chianakas’ Carnegie Hall debuts. For many of us students, this is not only our first trip to New York, but the first time many of us will be singing with such a high level of professional musicians. Excitement for the trip is already at a major high in our bi-weekly rehearsals. This incredible opportunity has motivated all of us to work diligently on our musicianship during this fall semester so that we will be ready for Carnegie. Our Fall concert “Spirits and Demons” was a resounding success, and momentum continues to push forward as we have begun learning our repertoire for our Holiday concert. We hope that all of you will follow us along on our Road to Carnegie Hall over the next several months as we strive to create beautiful art and a renowned reputation for both our College of Music and Dance and the entirety of San Jose State.