

2014 Summer Conference

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René Clausen is professor of music and has served as conductor of The Concordia Choir in Moorhead, Minnesota, since 1986. Additionally, he is the artistic director of the award-winning Concordia Christmas Concerts, which are frequently featured by PBS stations throughout the nation. His success as a composer is demonstrated by over 100 commissioned works. "Life and Breath: Choral Works by René Clausen" is a 13-track recording by the Kansas City Chorale. This CD of compositions by Clausen won two Grammy Awards in 2013, including Best Choral Performance.

Lori Hetzel is the Associate Director of the School of Music, Associate Director of Choral Activities and Professor of Choral Music Education at the University of Kentucky where she conducts the UK Women's Choir and the *a cappella* group "Paws and Listen". Hetzel is a contributing author to the new textbook *Conducting Women's Choirs: Strategies for Success*. Outside of the university, Dr. Hetzel also serves as Artistic Director of the Lexington Singers Children's Choir and conducts the LSCC Chamber Choir.



Marla Butke is Associate Professor of Music at Ashland University where she serves as the Coordinator of Music Education, teaches choral and general music methods courses, and directs the Women's Chorus. She is a frequent clinician throughout the United States with research interests focusing on Dalcroze Eurhythmics and reflective practice. Dr. Butke serves as the head of research for the Dalcroze Society of America and is the Ohio Chapter President.

Sharon Davis Gratto is Professor and Chair of the University of Dayton Department of Music, where she directs the World Music Choir. She came to UD from Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania, where she was Music Education Coordinator, a conductor of three choral ensembles, and Founder/Director of the Gettysburg Children's Choir. Dr. Gratto's PK-12 music teaching has included positions at schools in Germany, Spain, and Nigeria. For six years at Indiana University Dr. Gratto piloted Jay Fern and Mary Goetze's technology for teaching world choral music, *Global Voices*.



Sandra Mathias, this year's Children's Honor Choir Director, is Professor Emerita at Capital University, where she served as Professor of Vocal Music Education and Director of The Kodály Institute at Capital for 29 years. She is also Director Emerita of the Columbus Children's Choir, where she served as Artistic Director for 25 years. She is a Past President of the Organization of American Kodály Educators (OAKE) and served as the R & S Chair for Children's Choirs for OCDA. Dr. Mathias serves as consultant, guest conductor and teacher both nationally and internationally.

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