

Meet the Composer Festival 2016



Heartland Youth Choir is producing a Meet the Composer Festival on April 9, 2016 for treble voices. We are thrilled to have Andrea Ramsey in residence to work with central Iowa singers! Dr. Ramsey is an extremely engaging composer and conductor who relates to people of all ages. Her compositions are among favorites of singers and educators.

The Festival will take place at Sheslow Auditorium on the Drake Campus in Des Moines. The Festival Choir will be comprised singers from Central Iowa grades 4-8 with **unchanged voices**. They will prepare two works by the composer prior to the event. The music and a rehearsal recording will be sent directly to the student so they can prepare for the festival on their own. On the day of the event, singers will rehearse and perform the songs with the composer and members of the Heartland Youth Choir. The concert will also feature performances by HYC and several guest choirs which will have a private clinic with Dr. Ramsey earlier in the day.

Composer, conductor-teacher, and presenter, Dr. Andrea Ramsey is assistant professor of conducting and associate director of choral studies at the University of Colorado in Boulder. A native of Arkansas, Andrea has considerable teaching experience with children's public school and university choruses.

A frequent guest conductor for all-state and honor choruses, Dr. Ramsey's 2015-2016 calendar includes conducting engagements in Mississippi, Texas, Kansas, Virginia, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Missouri, and South Carolina. As a presenter, Andrea has presented for the 6th Annual Symposium on Sociology in Music Education, The Phenomenon of Singing Symposium in Newfoundland, Canada, and national, divisional and state conferences of the American Choral Directors Association.

An ASCAPlus award-winning composer, Dr. Ramsey has over 70 works in print with traditional publishers such as Alliance, Boosey & Hawkes, Carl Fischer, Colla Voce, Hal Leonard, GIA, Pavane, Santa Barbara, and Walton. She is also venturing into digital publishing via web-based composer marketplace (www.musicspoke.com). A teacher at heart, Dr. Ramsey enjoys collaborations with singers through residencies and has close ties to the Allegro Choirs of Kansas City. She has also enjoyed composer-in-residence experiences with the Crescent City Choral Festival in New Orleans, and the Choral Music Experience at Ithaca College.

"Andrea Ramsey is one of those rare individuals whose very presence inspires. Her effervescent spirit, gracious demeanor and zest for all that's 'good' in life is not only reflected through her personality, but through the music she writes and ensembles she conducts. The world needs more people like her and certainly the music profession benefits from her talents."

Dr. Eph Ehly, Choral Conductor and Clinician, Professor Emeritus, Conservatory of Music & Dance, University of Missouri-Kansas City

"Dr. Ramsey's compositions provide content that is musically satisfying in technical concepts and elicits aesthetic response. She chooses texts carefully and sets them so they work for the singer and the listener."

Dr. Julie Yu Co-Director of Choral Activities Kansas State University
30 years + experience in Missouri Public Schools

"A master teacher, a master musician and a master composer. She chooses texts carefully and seems to have that necessary instinct to know what texts children will love. Her melodies are creative and memorable and her music will stand the test of time. She is a rare combination of talent and efficiency. Her energy and vibrant teaching ideas make her a first class composer and clinician."

Janeal Krehbiel Founder, Lawrence Children's Choir

Festival Schedule - Saturday, April 9, 2016

9:00-12:00	Clinics for Invited Choirs	4:00	Composer lecture
1:00-4:00	Festival Choir Rehearsal	4:30 PM	MTC Festival Concert

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Registration Form

Hosted by the Heartland Youth Choir

Singer's Name _____ Age _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____

Zip Code _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

School _____

Family Email Address _____

Choir Director's Name _____

How did you hear about the Meet the Composer Festival?

This registration form and registration fees are due February 15, 2016. The registration fee is \$20 and can be paid with cash or by check. Please mail the registration materials to:

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