

## James Moyer

### *Conductor*



**JAMES D. MOYER**, a native of Easton, Pennsylvania, is a veteran teacher of 30 years and is in his 19th year as Director of Choral Activities at Pennsbury High School. Mr. Moyer also serves as the Coordinator of Vocal/Choral Music K-12 for the Pennsbury School District. Mr. Moyer oversees the Pennsbury High School Choral Music Department, the largest on the east coast, consisting of 7 choirs, nearly 500 students, and a choral staff of four persons. He is also the Director of Music at the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville (NJ), conductor of the Westminster Choir College Community Chorus (Princeton, NJ), and Artistic Director of the Pennsbury Community Chorus (Fairless Hills, PA).

Before moving back to his native Pennsylvania in 1999, Mr. Moyer was Director of Choral Activities at Western Branch High School in Chesapeake, Virginia. Mr. Moyer has been active in the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) as R&S chair, State President (Virginia), and has supervised multiple convention responsibilities at both the Divisional and National levels for eight conventions. While in Virginia he organized the first Virginia Summer Conferences and started the Virginia Middle School Honor Choir in conjunction with the VMEA All-State Chorus. He is also a contributor of choral music, book, and recording reviews to *The Choral Journal*. Choirs under his direction have performed throughout the United States and across Europe, performing in such venues as the Thomaskirche and Leipzig Gewandhaus in Germany, Smetana Hall in Prague, St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey in London, St. Patrick's Cathedral in Ireland, St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna, Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, at the 41st Spoleto Festival in Spoleto, Italy (at the direct invitation of Maestro Gian Carlo Menotti), and in the US at Avery Fisher Hall and Alice Tully Hall at NYC Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, Washington National Cathedral and The White House.

Mr. Moyer is co-author with Dr. Dennis Shrock of *A Conductors Guide to Choral-Orchestral Repertoire* published by GIA, 2017. He has authored two chapters (*Establishing Aural Standards* and *Touring with Your Choir*) and edited the companion compact-disc for *The School Choral Program* - a widely used reference/textbook also published by GIA, 2008. His Pennsbury Chamber Choir is prominently featured in an aural study CD with *The Choral Conductor's Aural Tutor: Training the Ear to Diagnose Vocal Problems*, GIA 2006.

Active as a guest conductor, adjudicator and clinician, he has guest conducted choral festivals in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, Mississippi, North Carolina and was guest conductor of the summer High School Vocal Institute at Westminster Choir College in 2006. In 2014 Mr. Moyer was one of the inaugural inductees into the Westminster Choir College Music Education Hall of Fame. He has studied conducting with Frauke Haasemann, Allen Crowell, Joseph Flummerfelt, Dennis Shrock and James Jordan. Mr. Moyer holds a Bachelor of Music degree in voice/organ from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey and a Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting from The University of Oklahoma.