

Meet the Composer Festival 2017



Heartland Youth Choir is producing a Meet the Composer Festival on April 8, 2017 for treble voices. We are thrilled to have Ken Berg in residence to work with central Iowa singers! Mr. Berg is an extremely engaging composer and conductor who relates to people of all ages. His compositions are among favorites of singers and educators.

The Festival will take place at First Christian Church in Des Moines. The Festival Choir will be comprised of 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 to students so they can prepare 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 Mr. Berg earlier in the day.

For 28 years Ken served as the Director of Choirs and Fine Arts Chairman at John Carroll Catholic High School in Birmingham. The choirs at John Carroll consistently received highest ratings in district, state and national festivals under his leadership.

After retiring from teaching high school in 2005, Ken served for six years as the full-time Music Minister and Composer in Residence at Mountain Brook Baptist Church, also in Birmingham. As of the summer of 2011, after serving as the part-time Music Director for 33 years, Ken now serves as the first full-time **Music Director and Resident Composer** for the **Birmingham Boys Choir**. (ken@birminghamboyschoir.com) Under his leadership the Choir has toured extensively throughout Costa Rica, Europe, Japan, and Canada and has sung for OAKE, MENC and ACDA State, Division and National conventions.

Ken has served as a State and Southern Division officer with the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) and has also served on the Training Courses Committee of the Royal School of Church Music in America. Additionally he is currently teaching Choral Arranging as an adjunct at his Alma Mater, Samford University.

Ken often serves as clinician and adjudicator throughout the U.S. His music is published with Bella Voce Press, LLC (www.bellavocepress.com), Alfred Music, Carl Fischer, Chorister's Guild, Colla Voce, Fred Bock, Hal Leonard, Hinshaw, Music, Kjos Music, MorningStar Music, Pavane Music, Santa Barbara Music Publishers and Walton Music.

He and his wife, Susan, are the proud parents of two sons, Michael and David; both fine musicians in their own right, as well as BBC Alumni!

Festival Schedule - Saturday, April 8, 2017

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| 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. | Clinics for Invited Choirs |
| 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. | Festival Choir Rehearsal |
| 4:30 p.m. | 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 _____

Family Email Address _____

School _____

Music Teacher's Name _____

How did you hear about the Meet the Composer Festival?

This registration form and registration fees are due March 7, 2017. The registration fee is \$20 and can be paid with cash or by check. Please mail the registration materials to:

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