

Meet the Composer Festival 2018



Heartland Youth Choir is producing our eleventh Meet the Composer Festival on April 7, 2018 for treble voices. To celebrate our 15th season of operations, we have decided to focus on Iowa talent! We are thrilled to have Elaine Hagenberg in residence to work with central Iowa singers! Elaine is an extremely inspiring composer and conductor who relates to people of all ages. She is a master at finding beautiful texts and setting them to music that touches the soul. Her compositions are performed throughout the United States and beyond by singers in schools, universities, adult community choirs and churches.

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. The registration fee is \$20 and registrations are due by March 1, 2018.

One of the combined songs is a commissioned work that will receive the world premiere performance at the festival! The new work will feature a text by Iowa poet, Elaine Jungers, set to music by Hagenberg. On the day of the event, singers will rehearse and perform the songs with the composer and members of the Heartland Youth Choir and several guest choirs. The culminating concert will feature performances by HYC, guest choirs and the Festival Choir. The Festival will take place at Plymouth Congregational Church in Des Moines at 4126 Ingersoll Ave, Des Moines, IA 50312.

Elaine Hagenberg's music "soars with eloquence and ingenuity" (National ACDA Choral Journal). Her compositions have been awarded and performed by schools, churches, universities, honor choirs and choral festivals throughout the United States and abroad. Notable performances include the National Youth Choir at Carnegie Hall, the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod in Wales, the Melbourne International Choral Festival in Australia, American Choral Directors Association Conferences, All State festivals, as well as international performances in South Africa, Taiwan and throughout Europe.

Her pieces have received the Meistersinger's Knapp Award, the Award of Distinction for the International Longfellow Choral Composers Competition, and the Orange County Choral Society Magnum Opus Choral Composition Contest.

Elaine graduated from Drake University and currently teaches 7-12 grade music at Des Moines Christian School. Her compositions are published through the "Elaine Hagenberg Choral Series" with Hinshaw Music, Oxford University Press, Henry Leck's "Creating Artistry Series" with Hal Leonard, Andrea Ramsey's Choral Series with G. Schirmer, and Beckenhorst Press.

Festival Choir Schedule - Saturday, April 7, 2018

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| 12:45 pm | Check-in |
| 1:00 – 3:00 pm | Festival Choir Rehearsal |
| 3:30 pm | Meet the Composer Festival Concert |

Register for the Festival Choir by March 1, 2018 here: joinhyc.org/programs

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