

Meet the Composer Festival 2019



Jacob Narverud

Heartland Youth Choir is producing our twelfth Meet the Composer Festival on April 6th, 2019 for Treble voices. We are thrilled to have Dr. Jacob Narverud in residence to work with central Iowa singers! Jacob is an extremely inspiring composer and conductor who relates to people of all ages. He is a master at finding engaging texts and setting them to music that truly inspires singers. His 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. One of the combined songs is a commissioned work that will receive the world premiere performance at the festival! 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 and several guest choirs. The culminating concert will feature performances by HYC, several 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.

Jacob Narverud (b.1986) is an American composer, arranger/orchestrator, and conductor. Born and raised in Kansas, Narverud is now based in New York where he is the music director of the Molloy College Chamber Singers and professor of conducting. Dr. Narverud has taught at both secondary and collegiate levels, most recently as the Director of Choral Activities at Emporia State University where he conducted the A Cappella Choir, founded the Tallgrass Chamber Choir & Orchestra, and taught courses in secondary choral methods and conducting.

With a background in musical theater, instrumental, and choral music, Narverud is a sought-after composer and an active guest conductor/clinician for All-State choirs across the country. He has been commissioned to write new works for ensembles in Michigan, Mississippi, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Texas, Ohio, New York, Oregon, and Connecticut. Jacob holds degrees from the Conservatory of Music & Dance at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (DMA, MM, Choral Conducting) and Emporia State University (BM, Vocal Performance).

Narverud's compositions and arrangements are published by Santa Barbara, Alliance, Alfred, Carl Fischer, G. Schirmer, Wingert-Jones, Lawson-Gould, Shawnee Press, and Hal Leonard.

Festival Schedule - Saturday, April 6, 2019

9:00-12:00	Clinics for Invited Choirs	11:00-1:00	Guest Choir Activity and lunch break
1:00-3:00	Festival Choir Rehearsal	3:30 PM	MTC Festival Concert

Register online at joinhyc.org/meethecomposer
Registration fee \$20

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