

MARYLAND BOY CHOIR DIRECTOR BRIAN GENDRON



Beginning with the 2009-2010 season, Brian Gendron will be Artistic Director/Conductor of the Maryland Boy Choir and Alexandria Choral Society. From 2003-2009, he served as Director of Choral Activities at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia. During that time, he was also Artistic Director/Conductor of the Blacksburg Master Chorale and Blacksburg Master Singers. Mr. Gendron has held teaching positions at Goodrich High School (MI) and Hollins University (VA), and has served as Director of Music for churches in Michigan and Illinois.

Ensembles under Mr. Gendron's direction have presented invitational performances for the Virginia Music Educators Association, Virginia Music Teachers Association, and the National Association of Teachers of Singing. They have collaborated with the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra, New River Valley Symphony Orchestra, and Kansas City Baroque Consortium. They have performed in major venues including Carnegie Hall, the Brooklyn Academy of Music's Howard Gilman Opera Theater, and Washington National Cathedral.

Mr. Gendron also has extensive experience with music for the stage. He served as Chorus Master for Opera Roanoke, with credits including *Acis and Galatea* (Handel), *Noye's Fludde* (Britten), *Macbeth* (Verdi), *Otello* (Verdi), and *Fidelio* (Beethoven). He also prepared choruses for American Opera Theater, including *David et Jonathas* (Charpentier), *Dido and Aeneas* (Purcell), and *Venus and Adonis* (Blow), as well as a staging of Handel's *Messiah*. Mr. Gendron served as Music Director for Michael Gordon's *Lightning at Our Feet*, which was co-produced by Virginia Tech Theater Arts and New York City's Ridge Theater.

Mr. Gendron earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Central Michigan University and a Master of Music in Choral Conducting and Literature from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he also completed his residency for a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Choral Conducting. He has presented sessions at conferences of the Virginia Music Educators Association and American Choral Directors Association. Mr. Gendron is active as an adjudicator, guest conductor, and clinician throughout the Midwestern and Eastern United States.