

2024 SUMMER CONFERENCE PROGRAM

SOUTH DAKOTA

AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION



July 30-31, 2024



University of Sioux Falls

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TUESDAY

ALL SESSIONS HELD IN JESCHKE ROOM 54 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MUSIC LIBRARY

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

REGISTRATION - JESCHKE LOBBY

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

**SESSION 1: AFFECTIVE TEACHING IS
EFFECTIVE TEACHING**

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

R & R READING SESSION

2:45 PM - 4:00 PM

SESSION 2: IT'S HIP TO SING HIP

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

TEAM BUILDING
ROBYN STARKS HOLCOMB & MASON MEYER

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

SESSION 3: CONDUCTING REVIEW

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

OBSERVE HONOR CHOIR REHEARSAL
JESCHKE 10

9:00 PM - 10:00 PM

SOCIAL - ODE TO FOOD & DRINK
300 N CHERAPA PLACE

WEDNESDAY

ALL SESSIONS HELD IN JESCHKE ROOM 54 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

8:30 AM - 9:45 AM

SESSION 4: *VOCAL HEALTH*

9:45 AM - 10:30 AM

ALL STATE CHORUS READING SESSION

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM

SESSION 5: *SINGING IS SENSATIONAL*

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

JHC & SHC BOARD MEETINGS IN MUSIC LIBRARY

1:15 PM - 1:45 PM

MEET HONOR CHOIR DIRECTOR

1:45 PM - 2:45 PM

JR. HONOR CHOIR READING SESSION

2:45 PM - 3:30 PM

OBSERVE HONOR CHOIR REHEARSAL

JESCHKE 10

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

SD-ACDA GENERAL

MEMBERSHIP MEETING



DR. BRETT EPPERSON

Brett D. Epperson is Director of Choral Activities and Assistant Professor of Music at Hastings College, where he directs the Hastings College Choir, Choral Union, and teaches courses in conducting, vocal pedagogy, diction, and studio voice. Epperson also serves as Director of the Chancel Choir and Langenberg Concert Series at First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

Prior to his career in higher education, Epperson was a public school music educator for nearly a decade, leading high school choral programs in Iowa and Nebraska. Under his leadership at East High School in Lincoln, the choral program tripled in enrollment, East Singers was selected as a featured concert choir at the Nebraska Music Educators Association Conference, and Epperson was the recipient of a Lincoln Public Schools *Inspire Award* for implementing an Adaptive Music program. Epperson has also served as a Graduate Assistant within the College of Music at Florida State University, was an Adjunct Instructor of Voice at Doane University (Nebraska), and is a previous Artistic Director-Conductor of the Lincoln Lutheran Choir.



Epperson is active as a guest conductor, clinician, adjudicator, and collaborative keyboardist, with appearances across the United States, the Caribbean, and Europe. In June of 2023, Epperson traveled to Nairobi, Kenya where he was a featured conductor as part of *AVoice4Peace* choral festival. As a vocalist, he has sung with Grammy-nominated choral ensembles and has been a featured soloist in choral-orchestral performances across the Midwest and South. Galaxy Music Corporation released his first published composition, *Da pacem Domine*, in 2022.

Epperson earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music from Luther College (Decorah, IA), a Master of Music in Choral Conducting from Michigan State University, and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Music Education-Choral Conducting from Florida State University.