

# **ADJUDICATOR BIOS**

## **Middle School/Elementary Adjudicators**

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### **Bobby Jean Frost**

Bobby Jean Frost retired in 2002 as chairman of the Fine Arts Department and Director of Choral Activities at Hillsboro High School in Nashville, Tennessee. Prior to that, she taught at McGavock and Pearl High Schools. She received a Bachelor of Music Degree in Piano Performance from George Peabody College and did her graduate work at Belmont University. A diverse musician, Frost has enjoyed a career in both education and commercial music. She was a musical director at Opryland USA for 23 years. A published arranger, she does custom arranging for various groups and many of the Opryland productions numbers were her arrangements. Frost is a frequent clinician and adjudicator at regional and national events. She was session director and pianist for all classroom recordings for Metro Nashville Public Schools and for well-known local PBS educational TV shows. She also is the author of music curricula for Metro Schools and the State of Tennessee. Frost's high school performing groups have garnered many gold and silver medals in international competitions and have received invitations from all over the world to participate in special events. The SophistiCats, her widely acclaimed singers at Hillsboro, were named as one of the top 100 performance choirs in the United States.

In 1999, Frost was named the Metropolitan Nashville Education Association Distinguished Classroom Teacher, Hillsboro's Teacher of the Year, and received the NARAS Foundation Music of the Heart Educator Award. In 2004, she was the recipient of the Tennessee Arts Academy Lifetime Achievement Award and, in 2007, was inducted into the Tennessee Music Education Association Hall of Fame. She is listed in Who's Who in Entertainment, Who's Who in Education,

Who's Who in the World, Who's Who of American Women, Who's Who Among America's Teachers, and the International Who's Who in Music.

A past president of MTVA, Frost has served both MTVA and TMEA in many chairmanships. Currently she is Conference Manager for TMEA.

### **Kathy Evans**

Kathy Evans currently serves as Director of Music Ministries at First United Methodist Church, Cookeville, Tennessee where she oversees a program of Early Childhood Music Ministry, children and youth choirs, adult choir and ensembles. Mrs. Evans has forty years experience as a church musician and educator having served churches in Tennessee, Georgia and Florida. She began her teaching career in the Chattanooga public schools and has taught at the collegiate, secondary and elementary level; maintained a private studio in piano and taught early childhood music. Prior to coming to Cookeville, she served on the faculty of the Community School of Music and the Music Department of Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida.

### **Clarissa Miller**

Clarissa Miller is the Music Specialist at Capshaw School in Cookeville, TN. She teaches general music to children in grades K-4, conducts an 80-member school choir, and has initiated a violin program not only for her school, but also for four additional elementary schools in the Putnam County School District. Students under Ms. Miller's direction have performed in a variety of venues including the TMEA State Convention, Carnegie Hall, and Walt Disney World. She holds degrees from Tennessee Technological University and is currently pursuing a PhD in Music Education from the University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

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## **MIDDLE SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY SIGHT-READING**

**Seanad Chang**

Seanad Chang has had an international career as a soloist, chamber and orchestral musician and music educator. She currently teaches at the Blair School of Music at Vanderbilt University and at Tennessee Technological University. She has performed extensively throughout the U.S. and Europe including appearances at Avery Fischer Hall and the Festival International in Spain. Formerly Assistant Principal Violist of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, she has also been a member of the Florida Philharmonic, the Milwaukee Symphony and Principal Viola of the Midland Symphony of Michigan. Seanad earned her degrees from Indiana University and the North Carolina School for the Arts. She lives in Tennessee with her husband, Wei Tsun, where she performs regularly with the Knoxville and Nashville Symphony Orchestras. Besides her busy life as a teacher, she has also recorded with artists such as Vince Gill, Ricky Skaggs, Amy Grant, Reba McEntire, and Allison Kraus, and she is also a member of the Atlantic Ensemble, a busy piano quartet that performs throughout the U.S. and Europe. Seanad is dedicated to create a thriving, energized musical environment wherever she goes.

## **HIGH SCHOOL ADJUDICATORS**

**Dr. Kevin Ford**

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Joseph Kevin Ford was born in Chickamauga, Georgia. He was granted the BS in Choral and Instrumental Music Education from The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, the MME, and the Ph.D. in Choral Music Education from The Florida State University. While at Florida State University he studied conducting with Rodney Eichenberger and served as his assistant conductor for two years. He has also studied conducting with Dr. André Thomas and wind band conducting with Dr. James Croft. Dr. Ford has continued his conducting training through workshops with Robert Shaw, Roger Wagner, Dale Warland, Frederic Fennel, and Arnold Gabriel.

Dr. Ford taught High School Chorus, Band and Middle School Band in Rossville, Georgia where his performance groups consistently made Superior ratings at festivals. He was formerly Music Program Coordinator and Choral Director at Chattanooga State Technical Community College in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was also teacher of conducting and choral music education at the Crane School of Music at The State University of New York College at Potsdam where he founded the Potsdam Community Chorus and formed and directed the chorus for the opening ceremony of the 2000 Goodwill Games in Lake Placid, NY. Dr. Ford also served on the faculty of The University of North Carolina at Charlotte as Director of Choral Activities and Coordinator of Vocal Music Education prior to his current appointment as Director of Choral Activities at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

He is a member of the Music Educators National Conference, the American Choral Directors Association, the Tennessee Music Educators Association, East Tennessee Vocal Association, College Music Society and the International Federation for Choral Music. Dr. Ford has guest conducted and adjudicated in Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, New York, North Carolina and in Montreal, Canada.

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### **Dr. Raphael Bundage**

Raphael Bundage a director of choral activities at Middle Tennessee State University and is assistant conductor and chorus master of the Nashville Opera Association. He holds bachelor degrees from Texas Christian University and graduate degrees from the Eastman School of Music. Prior to his graduate study, he was supervisor of choral music in the Texas Public School System and while at Eastman, he was director of the Eastman Chamber Chorus and the assistant director of the Eastman-Rochester Symphony Chorus, and adjudicator in the choral field and as a teacher of conducting. He is himself the product of an extraordinary host of master teachers including Alfred Mann, Julius Herford, and Robert Shaw.

### **Dr. Jane Warren**

Dr. Jane Warren is an Assistant Professor of Music at Belmont University School of Music. Dr. Warren conducts both the Women's Choir and the primarily commercial a cappella group, Sessions.

Dr. Warren earned her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Conducting from the University of South Carolina, where she received the LaDare Robinson Graduate Award for Academic Excellence. She has two Master degrees: a Master of Music (Choral Conducting) from Southern Methodist University and a Master of Music (Music History) from Baylor University. Dr. Warren's Bachelor of Music (Church Music) degree is from Furman University (magna cum laude). She has studied with many celebrated conductors and pedagogues including Robert Shaw, David Willcocks, John Rutter, Boris Tevlin and Bobby McFerrin.

Dr. Warren has extensive experience in choral conducting, as a director, clinician and adjudicator. She is also skilled in teaching the art and craft of conducting. Dr.

Warren's other professional music activities include solo performer, composer, arranger, and vocal group consultant. She holds professional membership with the American Choral Directors Association, International Federation of Choral Musicians, Pi Kappa Lambda, and Mu Phi Epsilon.

## **HIGH SCHOOL SIGHT-READING**

Dr. Craig Zamer

Craig Zamer, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Music at Tennessee Tech University and Director of Choral Activities is the conductor of the TTU Chorale, Concert Choir, and the Cookeville Mastersingers, a large ensemble drawn from the TTU student body and the community. In addition he teaches undergraduate courses in choral conducting, choral literature, secondary choral methods and student teacher supervision.

Dr. Zamer received his Bachelor of Arts with a double major in Vocal Performance and Music Education from Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, Virginia. He received his Masters in Music Education and his Doctor of Philosophy in Music Education and Choral Conducting from The Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida where he studied with André Thomas, Judy Bowers, and Kevin Fenton. While at Florida State he served as assistant conductor of the Tallahassee Community Chorus, FSU Men's Glee Club, and the Florida State University Singers.

Prior to his position at Tennessee Tech, Dr. Zamer taught high school choral music at Stone Bridge High School in Ashburn, Virginia. During this time, his choir's received superior ratings at district festivals and highest honors at national choral festivals including an award of distinction for musical excellence.

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Dr. Zamer has been an invited clinician, conductor and adjudicator in northern Florida, Colorado, Tennessee, and Virginia. He was fortunate enough to conduct at the exhibitor's concert for the 2007 American Choral Directors Association's National Convention in Miami, Florida. He has also conducted abroad at the Forbidden City Concert Hall in Beijing, China, the Yanshan University in Qinghuandao, and Tianjin University in Tianjin. Dr. Zamer lives with his wife Katy, daughter Lorin, and son Andrew.

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