

## High School Regional Festival Judges



**Jeremy D. Jones** conducts the Collegiate Chorale and Men's Glee Club, teaches courses in music education, and supervises student teachers. Prior to his appointment at Miami University, Jones completed the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in conducting from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. At CCM, he served as the conductor of the UC Men's Chorus from 2007-2010. His research on male collegiate glee clubs led to publications in the *Choral Journal* and a presentation at the 2008 Intercollegiate Men's Chorus National Seminar.

In 2009, Dr. Jones was one of the founding members of the Bach Collegium Series in Cincinnati, conducting concerts at Calvary Episcopal Church. He also has presented concerts of Bach's music at CCM for the Atrium Concert Series and gave his doctoral lecture recital on Bach's four Lutheran masses. Dr. Jones has sung with professional and community choruses including the Vocal Arts Ensemble of Cincinnati and the Nashville Chamber Singers.

In addition to the DMA degree in conducting from CCM, Dr. Jones holds the MM degree in choral conducting from East Carolina University, and the BM degree in vocal music education from Middle Tennessee State University. He has studied conducting with Raphael Bundage, Daniel Bara, Earl Rivers, Brett Scott, Richard Sparks, and Elmer Thomas. After receiving the BM degree, he was the Director of Choral Activities at Riverdale High School in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

**Kathryn E. May** is completing her twenty-eighth year as Choral Director and Advanced Placement Music Theory teacher at Greeneville High School and is in her thirty-third year in teaching. She received her BSME and Master of Education Administration degrees from East TN State University and was selected as the 1995 Alumna of the Year by the ETSU Music Department. In 1996, she was the Greeneville City Schools Teacher of the Year and the Smoky Mountain Music Teachers Association Teacher of the Year.

Under Mrs. May's direction, Greeneville High School Choirs have performed many places, notably the 1996, 2000, and 2006 American Choral Directors Southern Conventions, the 2000 SD-ACDA Women's Choir Festival and the 2003 TN ACDA Convention. Her choirs have appeared on several TN Music Educators Convention programs. She is the choir director at Salem Presbyterian Church and resides in Limestone, TN with her husband Mike, a middle school band director. Mike and Kathy have two children, Benjamin, a graduate of Vanderbilt University and Westminster Choir College, currently teaching in Austin, TX and Rebekah, a nursing student at Walter's State Community College in Greeneville.

Her professional affiliations include ACDA, MENC, TMEA, the East TN Vocal Association, Pi Kappa Lambda, and Delta Omicron. She served on the Executive Board of ETVA for six years and as ETVA President from 2002-2004. Mrs. May is the TN-ACDA Past President and her past leadership roles include *Repertoire and Standards Chair* for Women's Choirs (2 terms) and Men's Choirs (2 terms.) She has served as clinician and adjudicator in TN, VA, and KY and is adjunct faculty in the ETSU Music Department. Mrs. May is available as a clinician specializing in the following areas: rhythmic and melodic teaching strategies for choral directors, and disciplinary, assessment and recruiting strategies for choral directors.





**Christopher W. Mathews** is in his seventh year as Chair of the Department of Music at Union University, where he conducts Union University Singers, Voices of Proclamation, and the Men's Choir. He earned degrees from Union University (BM, Sacred Music), Southwest Missouri State University (MM, Choral Conducting) and the University of Kentucky (DMA, Choral Conducting). Union University ensembles under his direction have performed by invitation at prestigious venues such as the National Cathedral; St. Peter's Basilica, Rome; St. Louis Basilica; the Annual Conference of the Tennessee Music Educators Association; the Annual Conference of the National Association for Music Education; and St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. In addition to his work at the university, Dr. Mathews has also served churches in both full- and part-time capacities and has just completed a 3-year term as Interim Pastor of Worship and Music at First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tennessee.