

# 2014 Tennessee ACDA High School State Choral Festival

## - Adjudicator Bios -



Dr. Franklin Green is an experienced choral director and has had highly successful choruses in both church music and public school arenas. His choirs have given invitation only performances at state, regional, and national conventions in Savannah, Atlanta, Nashville, San Antonio, and Los Angeles, and performed in numerous other locations, including, Toronto, Washington D.C. and New York City. Dr. Green has degrees in Music Education, Church Music, and Conducting and is nationally known as a specialist in developing young singing voices.

He has published numerous articles and has taught voice at the high school and collegiate levels. He has recently taught Choral Conducting and directed the University Women's Choir at Mercer University in Macon, GA, and he maintains a voice studio in Peachtree City. Sixty of his former students have gone on to major in voice in college, many on full scholarship. Many are professional musicians today—teachers, composers, singers on Broadway and even at the Metropolitan Opera.



Carolyn C. Minear is a recent University Distinguished Fellowship recipient at Michigan State University, where she is completing a Ph.D. in music education with a cognate in choral conducting. A native of Knoxville, Tennessee, she received degrees in Music Education and Musicology from Florida State University, and certification in Educational Leadership from the University of Florida. Her current research interests include professional development for music educators, music assessment in ensemble settings, and music leadership.

Prior to coming to Michigan State, Dr. Minear served as Fine Arts Program Coordinator for Orange County Public Schools in Orlando, Florida, where she helped coordinate fine arts curriculum and instruction in 175 schools with 600 fine arts teachers and their administrators. She is currently a Professor of Choral Music Education at Southern Illinois University-Evansville, where she continues to pursue her passion for excellence in teaching while continuing to learn and grow.



Thomas Yackley conducted some of the most prestigious high school choral programs in the southeast for over thirty years, including twenty years at Milton (GA) High School and for ten years at Alpharetta (GA) High School. He served Fulton County as the department chair for high school choruses. He sang with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus under Robert Shaw for five seasons. He holds a Bachelor of Music Education Degree from Bowling Green State University, where he studied with Richard Mathey; and a Master of Music in Choral Conducting from The Florida State University, where he was a student of Dr. Colleen Kirk and Clayton Krehbiel. He also has studied choral conducting privately with Dr. Ann Howard Jones.

Yackley is a member of the Professional Association of Georgia Educators. He is a member of the Georgia Music Educators Association, which he has served as District Vice-Chairman, District Choral Chairman, and District Festival Chairman. He is a life member of the American Choral Directors Association, and has served Georgia ACDA as R&S chair for high school choirs, male choruses, membership chairman, and President. He is currently serving as webmaster. Mr. Yackley also served as R&S Chair for High School Choruses in the Southern Division of ACDA. Mr. Yackley is also the founding director of the Alpharetta Community Chorus.