

# DAVID L. MEANS

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## EDUCATION

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### **Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in Choral Music with Honors**

Minors in Voice, Orchestral Conducting, Musicology

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 1997

*Teachers include: Morten Lauridsen, William Dehning, Bard Suverkrop, Jim Vail, Alan Smith, Hans Beer*

### **Master of Music Degree in Choral Conducting with Honors**

Baylor University, Waco, TX, 1990

*Teachers include: Hugh Sanders, Robert Young, Joyce Farwell, Karen Peeler, Joyce Jones, Rodger Keyes*

### **Bachelor of Music Education Degree in Voice and Piano**

Howard Payne University, Brownwood, TX, 1988

*Teachers include: John Ratledge, Linda Hibbs Dougherty, Bettsy Dunn Curtis, Elem Eley*

## EMPLOYMENT

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### **Director of Choral Studies and Assistant Professor of Music**

*University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (formerly UT Pan American), Edinburg, TX 2013-present*

- Conduct University Choir, Women's Chorus, Men's Chorus
- Teach Choral Conducting, Choral Repertoire, Choral Arranging, Secondary Choral Music Methods and Voice
- Supervise Student Teachers

### **Head Choral Director**

*Westwood High School Fine Arts Academy, Austin, TX 2007-2013*

- Supervised 2 assistant choir directors and 8 voice teachers
- Conducted the top 3 choirs and oversee the entire choral program
- Taught AP Music Theory, Class Piano and IB Music
- Received consistent UIL Sweepstakes awards and 1<sup>st</sup> Divisions in competitions
- TMEA All-State winners every year (*six in 2013, a record for Westwood*)
- Trained Student Teachers from Baylor, University of Texas and Texas State University
- Increased the size of the choir program through innovative recruiting
- Received the GRAMMY signature award for outstanding music program

### **Director of Choirs**

*Cuero High School, Cuero, TX, 2004-2007*

- Conducted 4 choirs daily
- Received consistent top honors at UIL competitions, Sweepstakes and 1<sup>st</sup> Divisions
- Produced 3 All-State students in one year, a record for the school
- Received 3 Sweepstakes Trophies at UIL contest in one year, a first for the school

### **Music Specialist/Teacher Trainer**

*Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles, CA, 2000-2004*

- Trained elementary classroom teachers to implement music into their curriculum
- Trained student-teachers from USC
- Conducted third, fourth and fifth grade auditioned choirs at 4 public schools with over 1000 students combined

### **Professor of Music Education** (*sabbatical replacement*)

*University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, Fall Semester, 2001*

- Taught graduate and undergraduate Music Education courses
- Supervised student teachers in public schools
- Advised graduate and undergraduate Music Education students

### **Director of Choral Studies and Assistant Professor of Music,**

*Christopher Newport University, Newport News, VA, 1997-2000*

- Conducted Chamber Choir (40 member auditioned chorus)
- Conducted CNU Singers (12 member highly select ensemble)
- Conducted University Chorale (80 member non-auditioned chorus)
- Taught Undergraduate and Graduate Choral Conducting and Literature
- Taught Secondary Music Education and Observed Student Teachers
- Taught Undergraduate and Graduate Voice, Diction and Vocal Studio Class
- Chaired the Vocal Division from 1997-1999 as Director of Vocal Studies
- MENC Advisor and Academic Advisor
- Students frequently won NATS and other Vocal Competitions
- Served on Dean's Colloquial Committee
- Served on Faculty Tenure Committees
- Chaired and Served on Faculty Search Committees
- Expanded the Choral Program and Initiated Tours, Festivals and Recruiting
- Winner of a faculty development grant

### **Lecturer in Choral Music**

*University of Southern California, LA, CA, 1995-1997*

- Conducted University Chorus (120 member non-auditioned chorus)
- Taught Undergraduate and Graduate Choral Conducting and supervised TA's
- Promoted from Teaching Assistant to Lecturer (faculty position)

### **Director of Choral and Vocal Studies**

*Hill College, Hillsboro, TX, 1993-1994*

- Conducted Concert Choir (30 member auditioned chorus)
- Conducted Hill Singers (12 member highly select ensemble)
- Taught Voice, Piano, Music Appreciation, Sight-reading, Theory

### **Director of Choirs**

*Carroll High School, Corpus Christi, TX, 1990-1993*

- Conducted Concert Choir (60 member auditioned chorus)
- Conducted Madrigals (12-18 member highly select ensemble)
- Conducted Campus Choir (40 member female chorus)
- Conducted Men's Chorus (30 member male chorus)
- Taught Piano, Voice, Guitar, Theory
- Received acclaim for the quick growth of the Choral Program and quickly became known as an adjudicator and clinician
- Students frequently won NATS, TMEA, UIL Solo and Choral Competitions
- Choir received UIL Sweepstakes for the first time in 21 years, then consistently with Mixed Choir and Treble Choir
- Best Choir Award, South Coast Music Festival
- First Division, American Classic Madrigal Festival

## **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

*Baylor University, Waco, TX, 1988-1990*

- Assistant conductor of the Collegiate Chorale and A Cappella Choir
- Accompanist for choral department and voice department
- Undergraduate Choral Conducting teacher

## **ADDITIONAL PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT**

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### **Choral Director**

*Valley Symphony Chorale, McAllen, TX 2013-present*

### **Music Director/Organist**

*St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Edinburg, TX 2013- present*

### **Director of Music, Organist and Choir Director**

*St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Austin, TX 2008-2013*

- Significantly increased membership in the choir from 6 to 15
- Started the St. Alban's Concert Series conducting two major works with orchestra annually

### **Interim Organist and Choir Director**

*St. Francis Episcopal Church, Victoria, TX, 2005-2006*

*First Presbyterian Church, Victoria, TX, 2006-2007*

### **Director of Music, Organist and Choir Director**

*Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Beverly Hills, CA, 2000-2004*

- In just over a year, the music program at Good Shepherd grew from about 5 regular choir members to over 20. The choir went from singing only service music to singing two choral anthems in each choir Mass.
- In the second year, a concert series was established, beginning with the *Messiah* with orchestra at Christmas. Eventually we had at least two concerts each year with orchestra, including an annual *Messiah* concert, and CABARET!

### **Music Director and Conductor**

*Schola Cantorum (semi-professional) Chamber Choir of Norfolk, 1998-2000*

- Planned and conducted four concerts per season
- Worked with a Board of Directors in planning and receiving grants
- Received excellent reviews for interpretation and programming

### **Singer, Section Leader, Assistant Conductor, Organist**

*Virginia Chorale, Santa Fe Desert Chorale, Ohel Shalom Temple Choir, Virginia Symphony Chorus, Stephen Wise Temple, 1997-present*

### **Interim Director of Music**

*First Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, VA, 1997-1998*

- Directed and administrated a large music program including a choir with eight paid singers, staff of twelve, and a successful Music Series.

### **Conductor of Parish Choir**

*St. John Fisher Church, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, 1996-1997*

- Conducted a large parish choir with paid section leaders and administered a Concert Series.
- Part of a music staff of fifteen professionals

**Director of Music Ministries**

*First Presbyterian Church, Burbank, CA, 1994-1996*

**Music Associate and Director of Handbells**

*Corpus Christi Cathedral, Corpus Christi, TX, 1992-1993*

**Minister of Music**

*Travis Baptist Church, Corpus Christi, TX, 1990-1992*

**Music Associate and Director of Handbells**

*Seventh and James Baptist Church, Waco, TX, 1988-1990*

**Organist and Music Assistant**

*First United Methodist Church, Brownwood, TX, 1986-1988*

**Church Pianist**

*First Baptist Church, Early, TX, 1983-1986*

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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**Member of the Board**

American Guild of Organists, Los Angeles Chapter, 2002-2004

**Frequent Guest Conductor, Clinician and Adjudicator**

- Adjudicator for American Classic, North American Music Festivals, Festivals of Music, Music Festivals, Inc., Fiesta-val, Texas Music Educators Association, California Music Educators Association, Virginia Music Educators Association and the University Interscholastic League of Texas
- Adjudicated choirs from Texas, California, Utah, New Jersey, New York, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Arizona and Ohio

**Guest Conductor**

- *Bye Bye Birdie*, Vandegrif High School, 2013
- American High School Choral Festival, Tokyo, Japan, March 2004, Sacred Heart University
- South Bay Master Chorale, Los Angeles, CA, February 2001, April 2001
- Vancouver Chamber Choir, Vancouver, BC, Canada, February 2000
- Members of Stuttgart Chamber Choir and World Youth Choir, July 1998  
*Only American conductor to win, by audition, the opportunity to study with Frieder Bernius in a Master class in Belgium—conducted the group in two performances of Bach motets.*
- Hampton, VA All-City Honors Choir, March 1998

**Frequent Baritone Oratorio Soloist**

Saddleback Master Chorale and Orchestra, Corpus Christi Symphony and Chorus, Virginia Symphony and Chorus, various churches and schools

Repertoire includes Britten *Cantata Misericordium*, Vaughan Williams *Dona nobis pacem*, Haydn *Lord Nelson Mass*, *Mass in Time of War*, Schubert *Mass in G*, Mozart *C Minor Mass*, Beethoven *Mass in C*, Handel *Messiah*, *Judas Maccabaeus*, *Israel in Egypt*, Brahms *Requiem*, Bach *Magnificat*, *St. John Passion*, *St. Matthew Passion*, *B Minor Mass*

## **Region XIV TMEA Vocal Division Chair**

*Corpus Christi, TX, 1991-1993*

## **UIL Sight-reading Consultant**

*Austin, TX, 1992*

## **TMEA Elections Committee**

*Austin, TX, 1992*

## **TMEA All-State Choir Section Leader**

*San Antonio, TX 1992*

## **Conductor, ACDA Southwest Division Young Conductor Workshop**

*Kansas City, MO, 1992*

## **Accompanist**

- TMEA Region 13 and 8 Honor Choir, 1993-1995
- Texas Baptist All-State Youth Choir and Living Song, 1989-1992
- Interlochen Summer Music Camp, Interlochen, MI, 1986

## **Studied Conducting with and/or Sang for:**

Robert Shaw

Frieder Bernius

Paul Salamunovich

Helmuth Rilling

William Dehning

James Vail

Hugh Sanders

Douglas McEwen

Simon Halsey

John Rutter

Robert Young

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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- Winner of Faculty Development Grant, UTRGV, 2016
- Winner of GRAMMY foundation, Grammy Signature School, 2012
- Winner of Faculty Development Grant, Round Rock ISD, 2011, 2009
- Winner of Continuing Education Grant from Texas Music Adjudicators Association, 2012, 2009
- Winner of Faculty Development Grant, Christopher Newport University, 1999
- Outstanding Doctoral Music Student Award, University of Southern California, 1997
- Graduate Assistantship in Conducting, University of Southern California, 1994-1997
- Texas Choral Directors Association Professional Development Grant Winner, 1993
- American Choral Directors Association National Student Award, 1990
- Graduate Assistantship in Conducting and Accompanying, Baylor University, 1988-1990
- Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges, 1990
- Inducted into Pi Kappa Lambda, National Honor Society in Music, 1989
- Dean's and President's List at Howard Payne University, 1987-1988
- Recipient, Vocal and Piano Scholarships, Howard Payne University, 1993-1998
- Winner, TMTA Piano Competition, 1988
- Member, Texas All-State Choir, 1983

## **HONOR PERFORMANCES**

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Singer, Texas Choral Director's Chorus

Sandra Snow, Conductor, 2015

Professional Singer and Pianist, San Antonio Chamber Choir

Rick Bjella, Conductor, 2014-present

Singer, Texas Choral Director's Men's Chorus

Johnathan Reed, Conductor, 2011

Singer, Texas Choral Director's Chorus

Z. Randall Stroope, Conductor, 2009

Featured Singer with Mark Morris Dance Group

Virginia Waterfront Arts Festival, 2000

Professional Singer, Virginia Chorale  
Bob Shoupe, Conductor, 1999-2000  
Professional Singer, Santa Fe Desert Chorale  
Dennis Schrock, Conductor, 1999 Summer Season  
Singer, USC Chamber Singers, William Dehning, Conductor  
Chopin Academy Concert Tour of Poland, 1997  
Singer, USC Chamber Singers, William Dehning, Conductor  
ACDA National Convention, 1997  
Singer, USC Chamber Singers, Helmuth Rilling, Conductor  
Bach motets with LA Chamber Orchestra, 1997  
Singer, USC Chamber Singers, William Dehning, Conductor  
ACDA Western Division Convention, 1996  
Accompanist/Singer, Baylor University Men's Glee Club, Hugh Sanders, Conductor  
TMEA Convention, 1990  
Accompanist/Singer, Baylor University A Cappella Choir, John Rutter, Conductor  
World Premiere Performance of Rutter's *Magnificat*, 1990  
Accompanist/Singer, Baylor University A Cappella Choir, Hugh Sanders, Conductor  
European Tour, 1990  
Pianist for President Ronald Reagan  
Texas Tour, 1989  
Singer, Sound of America  
European Tour, 1981

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Choral Directors Association (ACDA)  
National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS)  
Texas Choral Directors Association (TCDA)  
Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA)  
National Collegiate Choral Organization (NCCO)  
Pi Kappa Lambda