

# ALL-STATE CHORUS GUEST CONDUCTOR

## **Dr. Kevin Meidl Appleton West High School; Appleton, WI**



Dr. Kevin Meidl is a director of choirs and music department chair at Appleton West High School. He has taught junior high school, high school and collegiate choral music for the past twenty-seven years. In addition, he is the principle conductor, and Artistic Director with the Appleton Boychoir, a treble choir of young boys currently celebrating their thirty-first season. He is also the founding conductor of the Badger State Girl Choir based in Neenah, Wisconsin.

Choirs under his direction have performed for state and divisional conventions of the American Choral Directors Association, the Music Educators National Conference, the American Guild of Organists, the Intercollegiate Men's Chorus Association, the Organization of American Kodaly Educators, and with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. He has conducted choirs for the official ceremonies commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of D-Day in Normandy, France; for Pope John Paul II in Rome; and in some thirty other countries around the world.

Dr. Meidl is past president of the Wisconsin Choral Directors Association, and currently president of the North Central American Choral Directors Association. He created NextDirection, a retreat for high school students from across America considering careers in choral music, and the International Youth Symposium on Choral Music hosted by Alotting, Germany.

Dr. Meidl is a member of the American Choral Directors Association, the Music Educators National Conference, the International Federation for Choral Music, the Voice Care Network, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, and Pi Kappa Lambda. He was selected as the Mielke Secondary Teacher of the Year in 1995-1996 for the Appleton Area School District and the Helble Outstanding Teacher at Appleton West in 2007-2008. His biography is listed in current editions of *Who's Who in American*, *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* and several other honorary publications.

# ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA GUEST CONDUCTOR

**Dr. Juan Tony Guzmán**  
**Luther College; Decorah, IA**



Dr. Juan Tony Guzmán is a conductor, composer, arranger, and music educator from the Dominican Republic. Dr. Guzmán is currently director of the jazz program and associate professor of music education at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. He has conducted festival, recording studio, shows, All-State and summer camp orchestras, among other instrumental ensembles. He has written many arrangements of Caribbean and Latin American music, some of which are published by Boosey & Hawkes and Oxford University Press. He has conducted choirs, concert bands, jazz bands, and orchestras in several countries during the past thirty years.

Recent clinics and presentations include the Dominican Republic National System of Youth Orchestras, World Choral Symposiums, the Music Educators National Conference, Associação de Regentes de Corias do Brasil, The Association of British Choral Directors, and the Scottish Association for Music Education, among others.

Dr. Guzmán holds a Ph.D. in Music Education from the Florida State University and a degree in Electromechanical Engineering from the Universidad Católica Madre y Maestro in Santiago, Dominican Republic. Dr. Guzmán received a bachelor's degree from Luther College, and a master's degree from Florida State University in music education. While attending Florida State, he also received certificate in pedagogy of music theory. He frequently serves as a guest conductor, clinician, and adjudicator in national and international festivals.