

# MUSIC

## ALL-STATE CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA

The 67th All-State Chorus and Orchestra concert was held at the Denny Sanford PREMIER Center in Sioux Falls on November 2, 2019. The statistics for the largest high school musical event in South Dakota were:

Chorus Personnel.....	944
Schools represented in the Chorus .....	145
Orchestra Personnel .....	156
Schools represented in the Orchestra .....	25

Competition at the local level determines which students will attend All-State Chorus. Each school may send one or more quartets based on the enrollment of the school. The members of the All-State Orchestra were selected from the state-wide competitive auditions which were held at three audition centers. The auditions included performance and written tests.

The number of All-State Orchestra students from each school is as follows:

Aberdeen Central 8	Freeman Academy 4	Pierre T.F. Riggs 1	SF Roosevelt 18
Brandon Valley 4	Lead-Deadwood 1	RC Central 25	SF Washington 3
Brookings 3	Lennox 3	RC Christian 1	Spearfish 1
Chester Area 1	Mitchell 1	RC Stevens 43	St. Thomas More 2
Colman-Egan 1	Mitchell Christian 1	SF Christian 2	Tea Area 1
Elk Point-Jefferson 1	O’Gorman 9	SF Lincoln 18	Vermillion 1
			West Central 1
			Yankton 3

## **ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA GUEST CONDUCTOR**

**Dr. Timothy Dixon**

Messiah College, Mechanicsburg, PA



Timothy Dixon is the Director of Orchestral Studies at Messiah College (PA) the Music Director / Conductor of the American Youth Philharmonic and the Conductor Laureate of the West Shore Symphony Orchestra (PA). He is active nationally as an inspiring conductor, an engaging communicator, and a committed educator.

His youthful enthusiasm and keen rehearsal abilities have been widely praised by musicians of all levels, from student to professional. He has conducted professional orchestras in the United States, Germany and Ukraine as well as numerous all-state, regional and district-level student festival orchestras on the East Coast and in the Midwest.

The orchestral program at Messiah College has flourished under Dixon's leadership. During his tenure at Messiah College, he led the transformation from a small college-community chamber orchestra to a program consisting of a high-level symphony orchestra which performs major symphonies by Shostakovich and Mahler, collaborates with Pulitzer-prize winning composers such as Karel Husa, and regularly accompanies opera productions.

Before moving to Pennsylvania, Dixon served as the conductor of the University of Iowa Philharmonia Orchestra, and the Preucil School String Orchestra, an ensemble which has been featured on public radio and television as well as in international festivals and tours. Timothy Dixon has also served as the Music Director/Conductor of the Middletown Youth Symphony (OH), the Saginaw Bay Youth Orchestra (MI), the Michigan State University Musical Theater Department, and the Michigan State University Campus Orchestra.

Timothy Dixon holds the Doctor of Musical Arts in Orchestral Conducting from the University of Iowa, the M.M. in Orchestral Conducting from Michigan State University, and a B.A. and B.M. in Music and Music Education, respectively, from Miami University (OH). In academic settings and workshops, he has studied conducting with Kenneth Kiesler, Carl St. Clair, Adrian Gnam, Oleg Proskurnya, Leonid Korchmar (Kirov Opera / St. Petersburg Conservatory), William LaRue Jones, Leon Gregorian, Jacob Chi and Daniel Lewis.

Timothy Dixon lives outside of Harrisburg, PA with his wife, Roxanne, a music educator in the Camp Hill School District, his daughter, Delaney and son, Alex.

## **ALL-STATE CHORUS GUEST CONDUCTOR**

**Dr. Andrew Last**

Luther College, Decorah, IA



Dr. Andrew Last is an Associate Professor of Music at Luther College where he conducts the Nordic Choir and teaches conducting. He also serves as the Director of Choral Activities at Luther and as Director of Dorian Summer Camps. Dr. Last is part of a vibrant choral program at Luther College that includes four choral faculty and over 500 singers in six choral ensembles. Luther choirs participate in the annual Christmas at Luther celebration, perform in biennial oratorios, and are featured at regional and national American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) conventions.

Prior to his appointment, Last served on the voice faculty of Concordia University (NE). Last holds a DMA in choral conducting from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he was named a Hixon-Lied Fellow. He received his Master of Music from Northern Arizona University and his Bachelor of Arts in music education and voice from Luther College. Dr. Last is a member of the music honor society Pi Kappa Lambda and the academic honor society of Phi Kappa Phi. His high school teaching experience includes positions at Xavier High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Tipton High School in Tipton, Iowa.

A frequent clinician and guest conductor around the United States and abroad (leading choirs in Namibia, South Africa, and Guam), Last is a member of the American Choral Directors Association.

**SOUTH DAKOTA ALL-STATE CHORUS & ORCHESTRA**  
**A Chronological Listing of Location and Conductors**

(The All-State Chorus has been held since 1952. The All-State Orchestra has been held since 1953.)

<b>DATE</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>CHORUS CONDUCTOR</b>	<b>ORCHESTRA CONDUCTOR</b>
1952		David Foltz	
1953	Huron	Robert McCowan	Emmanuel Wishnow
1954	Huron	Clayton Hathaway	Harvey Waugh
1955	Aberdeen	Dr. David Foltz	Gilbert Waller
1956	Mitchell	Weston Noble	Richard Duncan
1957	Huron	Warner Imig	Bernard Goodman
1958	Aberdeen	Leland B. Sateren	Walter Charles
1959	Mitchell	Harold A. Decker	Walter Charles
1960	Huron	Clayton Hathaway	Harvey Waugh
1961	Huron	Gerhard Schroth	Marvin Rabin
1962	Huron	Joseph Mussulman	Leo Kucinski
1963	Aberdeen	Weston Noble	Howard Leyton-Brown
1964	Watertown	Edward Anderson	Marvin Rabin
1965	Sioux Falls	Dr. Douglas McEwen	Joseph Levine
1966	Watertown	Dr. Robert Berglund	Dr. James Neilson
1967	Huron	Robert E. Page	Dr. Leo Kucinski
1968	Aberdeen	Dr. Elaine Brown	Gerhard Paul Schroth
1969	Sioux Falls	Dr. Lloyd Pfautsch	Joseph DelliCarri
1970	Rapid City	Dr. Daniel Moe	Dr. Marvin Rabin
1971	Watertown	Dr. Jester Hairston	Dr. Samuel Adler
1972	Huron	Don Craig	Joseph DelliCarri
1973	Sioux Falls	Dr. Joseph Mussulman	David Holland
1974	Rapid City	Dr. Leonard Van Camp	A. Clyde Roller
1975	Watertown	Dr. Don V. Moses	Harry Lantz
1976	Huron	Rodney Eichenberger	Richard Anshutz
1977	Sioux Falls	Dr. B. R. Henson	Dr. Marvin J. Rabin
1978	Rapid City	Bruce L. Lunkley	Dr. William L. Jones
1979	Watertown	Dr. Eph Ehly	Thomas Lewis
1980	Huron	Dr. Karle Erickson	Abraham Chavez Jr.
1981	Sioux Falls	Dr. Richard B. Rosewall	Joseph Giunta
1982	Rapid City	Dr. Lee Kjelson	Pamela Gearhart
1983	Aberdeen	Richard Edstrom	Dr. Marvin J. Rabin
1984	Watertown	Paul Ritter	Dr. George Trautwein
1985	Huron	Rodney Eichenberger	Stephen G. Hobson
1986	Sioux Falls	Dr. Eph Ehly	Robert Culver
1987	Rapid City	Dr. Douglas McEwen	Betty Suber Whiton
1988	Aberdeen	Stirling A. Culp	Dr. Carolann Martin
1989	Watertown	Byron McGilvary	Daniel Culver
1990	Huron	Dr. Paul Torkelson	Steven Amundson
1991	Sioux Falls	Weston Noble	Henry Charles Smith
1992	Rapid City	Dr. David Greenlee	Timothy Durbin
1993	Aberdeen	Dr. James F. Rodde	Dr. Christopher Bonds
1994	Rapid City	Dr. André J. Thomas	Michael A. Palumbo
1995	Aberdeen	Dr. Edith A. Copley	Dr. Dale J. Lonis
1996	Sioux Falls	Dr. John Yarrington	John Giordano
1997	Rapid City	Dr. Anton Armstrong	Steven Amundson
1998	Aberdeen	Dr. Charles R. Robinson	Robert Culver

**SOUTH DAKOTA ALL-STATE CHORUS & ORCHESTRA**  
**A Chronological Listing of Location and Conductors (continued)**

(The All-State Chorus has been held since 1952. The All-State Orchestra has been held since 1953.)

<b>DATE</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>CHORUS CONDUCTOR</b>	<b>ORCHESTRA CONDUCTOR</b>
1999	Rapid City	Dr. Dennis K. Cox	Henry Charles Smith
2000	Sioux Falls	Dr. Russell L. Robinson	J. Robert Hanson
2001	Aberdeen	Dr. Lynda Hasseler	Susan Haig
2002	Sioux Falls	Dr. Paul A. Torkelson	James A. Biddlecome
2003	Rapid City	Dr. Z. Randall Stroope	Robert Gillespie
2004	Aberdeen	Tim Peter	Dr. Tyler White
2005	Sioux Falls	Dr. Peter Eklund	Dr. Germán Guitiérrez
2006	Rapid City	Dr. Galen Darrough	Jung-Ho Pak
2007	Rapid City	Dr. Timothy Seelig	Robert Culver
2008	Sioux Falls	Dr. Christopher Aspaas	Michael Gelfand
2009	Rapid City	Dr. Kevin Meidl	Dr. Juan Tony Guzmán
2010	Aberdeen	Dr. Craig S. Arnold	Jungho Kim
2011	Sioux Falls	Vijay Singh	Henry Charles Smith
2012	Rapid City	Dr. Anna Hamre	Brian Cole
2013	Sioux Falls	Dr. Joe Miller	David Barg
2014	Sioux Falls	Dr. Andre Thomas	Jane Linde Capistran
2015	Rapid City	Dr. Peter Eklund	Dr. David MacKenzie
2016	Sioux Falls	Dr. Jerry Blackstone	Dr. Ruth Lin
2017	Sioux Falls	Dr. Tim Seelig	Michael Gerdes
2018	Rapid City	Dr. Phillip Swan	Dr. Anthony Elliott
2019	Sioux Falls	Dr. Andrew Last	Dr. Timothy Dixon