

Richard Nance (b. 1955)

Richard Nance is Director of Choral Activities at Pacific Lutheran University, where he conducts the Choir of the West and Choral Union. He also teaches the choral conducting sequence and supervises student teachers. Prior to coming to Pacific Lutheran, Dr. Nance taught at Amarillo College and in public schools in Texas and New Mexico. Nance holds bachelors and masters degrees from West Texas State University and the DMA degree from Arizona State University. He has studied conducting with Hugh Sanders, Douglas McEwen and David Stocker, and studied composition with Joseph Nelson and Randall Shinn.

Dr. Nance is an active member of the American Choral Directors Association, for which he has served as president for the state of Washington, Northwestern division president, and as the Choral Reviews Editor for the *Choral Journal*. Six choirs under Nance's direction have been selected to appear at ACDA and MENC regional conventions (including four of his PLU choirs), and he directed the PLU Choral Union in performance at the 2001 ACDA National Convention in San Antonio. Dr. Nance has led both the PLU Choral Union and Choir of the West on several European tours, and his choirs have appeared on several published recordings.

Dr. Nance served as director of music at St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Lakewood from 1996-2009, and is an active clinician and adjudicator. His compositions have been published by Hinshaw Music, Walton Music and Colla Voce Music. Dr. Nance was chosen to write a commissioned work for the Washington All-State Choir in 2002, and wrote the 2002 Raymond Brock Memorial Composition for the American Choral Directors Association, one of the highest honors to be awarded to a composer of choral music. Other recipients of this award include: Samuel Adler, Daniel Pinkham, Eric Whitacre, Gwyneth Walker, René Clausen, Gian-Carlo Menotti, and Morten Lauridsen.

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