

JOHN C. HUGHES

*Professional music conductor and scholar:
connecting people to beauty and to each other through the power of music*

EDUCATION

- D.M.A. Choral Conducting and Pedagogy
University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
- M.M. Choral Conducting
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL
- B.A. Vocal Music Education
Augustana College, Rock Island, IL

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCTING APPOINTMENTS

- 2020– Music Director
Chicago Master Singers, Barrington, IL
- 2015– Green Lake Festival of Music, Green Lake, WI
Director of Choral Programs, 2021–
Founding Conductor, Composer Residency, 2018–
Assistant Conductor, Choral Institute, 2015–18

TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

- 2014–20 Ripon College, Ripon, WI
Associate Professor, Director of Choral Activities, 2020; *awarded tenure and promotion*
Music Department Chair, 2019–20
Assistant Professor, Director of Choral Activities, 2014–20
- 2011–13 Choral Teaching Assistant
University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
- 2009–10 Choral Graduate Assistant
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL
- 2009–11 Music Teacher
DeKalb Community School District, DeKalb, IL
- 2007–09 Choir Director
Rochelle Township High School, Rochelle, IL

CHURCH MUSIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2019–20 Choir Director
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Ripon, WI

- 2017–19 Director of Adult Choirs
Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, Sun Prairie, WI
- 2011–14 Music Director
The Congregational United Church of Christ, Iowa City, IA
- 2009–11 Chancel Choir Director
First Congregational Church, DeKalb, IL
- 2005–07 Assistant Conductor, High School Youth Choir
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport, IA

OTHER RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2023 Author, *Letters to a Young Conductor: Thoughts on Music and Life*
Available in print and on Apple Books
- 2012– Clinician/Honor Choir Conductor/Guest Conductor/Adjudicator
40+ choral programs at K–12 schools, universities, and churches throughout
Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin
- 2011–15 Repertoire Forum Editor
Choral Director magazine, Timeless Communications, Las Vegas, NV

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Choral Directors Association
Chorus America
College Music Society