



Dr. Peggy Dettwiler, Guest Conductor Choral Artist in Residence

October 17 & 18, 2019, Westfield State University

Dever Stage, WSU Campus, 577 Western Avenue, Westfield, MA

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The Westfield State University Department of Music is pleased to announce the 6th Annual Choral Artist in Residence guest series will be held October 17th & 18th, 2019 with special guest clinician Dr. Peggy Dettwiler of Mansfield University in Mansfield, MA. The highlight of the two-day event will be the High School Choral Festival on Friday. Area high school ensembles will perform *two or three* prepared pieces (*10-minute maximum for performance*) and receive a clinic with Dr. Dettwiler. Ensembles will also participate in a combined Festival Chorus ensemble performing two selections with the Westfield State University choral students and conducted by our guest. The combined selections this year are listed below:

1. *Good Timber Grows* arr. Roger Emerson – JWP #1710565 (\$2.50)
2. *True Light* by Keith Hampton - JWP #3700850 (\$2.00)

An evening concert will conclude the day on **Friday, October 18, 2019** beginning at 7:00pm on Dever Stage. The concert will feature individual ensemble performances by each school, as well as the Festival Chorus, no admission will be charged for this event. Educators and music education students are also invited to attend any of the free lectures and adjudication session presented by our guest both on Thursday and Friday. Interest session topics include the following: ***Lectures: Conductor as Choreographer (Laban) - Dancing with your Hands and the Choral Rehearsal - Process to Product.*** A complete schedule with times and locations is included in this application packet.

Peggy Dettwiler is Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Mansfield University, in Mansfield, PA where she conducts the Concert Choir, Festival Chorus, and Chamber Singers, and teaches choral conducting and choral methods. Under her direction the Mansfield University Concert Choir has been invited for twenty-three consecutive years to perform at state, regional, national, or international choral conventions and has won eleven gold medals and numerous prizes in international competitions.

Dr. Dettwiler has served as a guest conductor and lecturer throughout the country and has given presentations at numerous NAFME and ACDA Conventions. She has produced two DVDs, one entitled, “*Developing a Vocal Color Palette for Various Choral Styles*” and the second, “*Sing in Style*.” Dettwiler made her conducting debut in Carnegie Hall in January of 2014 and in 2018 she prepared 80 singers from Mansfield University to sing the choruses for Carnegie Hall’s Gala Benefit Celebration off Bernstein’s *Candide*, garnering a “superb” mention in the New York Times. In 2010, Dr. Dettwiler received the Elaine Brown Award for Choral Excellence from the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Choral Directors Association, and she currently serves as the Eastern Division President of the American Choral Directors Association. Dr. Dettwiler holds a DMA from the Eastman, an MM in Choral Conducting from the University of Texas at San Antonio, and a MM in Music Education from the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Educators are encouraged to bring their ensembles to the festival on Friday, and are invited to attend all of the interest sessions on Thursday. Participating choirs from area high schools are asked to submit the attached application(s) by **Friday, October 4th**. Interest sessions are free to the public, the cost for participating choirs the Friday Choral Festival is \$125 for the first choir and \$75 for each additional choir. Please make checks payable to **Westfield State University**, Choral Festival in memo/reference. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Felicia Barber via phone at 413-572-5341 or email at fbarber@westfield.ma.edu. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Felicia Barber".

Felicia Barber, Ph.D.

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Choral Artist in Residence Schedule

THURSDAY, October 17th – Master Class, Lectures, and Educator Interest Sessions

<i>9:45 – 11:00 am</i>	<i>Lecture: Conductor as Choreographer (Laban) - Dancing with your Hands</i>	<i>Dower 120</i>
11:00– 12:30 pm	Lunch	
<i>12:45 – 2:00pm</i>	<i>Master Class: Student Conductors</i>	<i>Dower 120</i>
<i>3:45 – 5:00 pm</i>	<i>University Singers Rehearsal</i>	<i>Dower 134</i>
<i>5:30 – 6:30 pm</i>	<i>Lecture: The Choral Rehearsal - Process to Product</i>	<i>Dower 120</i>

FRIDAY, October 18th - Choral Festival – High School

<i>10:15 – 11:15 pm</i>	<i>Chamber Chorale Rehearsal (Optional Campus Tour)</i>	<i>Dower 134</i>
11:15 – 11:45 am	Lunch	
<i>11:45 – 12:00pm</i>	<i>Welcome – Group Warmup</i>	
<i>12:00 – 3:15pm</i>	<i>Choral Invitational Performances</i>	<i>Dower 134</i>
<i>3:30 – 4:45 pm</i>	<i><u>Combined Festival Chorus Rehearsal</u> Collegiate and High Ensembles on Stage</i>	<i>Dever Stage</i>
<i>4:45 – 6:15 pm</i>	<i>Dinner Break</i>	
<i>7:00 pm</i>	CONCERT	<i>Dever Stage</i>

WESTFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY
**CHORAL ARTIST IN RESIDENCE &
HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL FESTIVAL**

Thursday & **Friday**, October 17th & 18th, 2019
WESTFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY, WESTFIELD, MA

CHORAL FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE APPLICATION

Directors Name _____
Name of Group _____
Name of School _____
School Address _____
Phone School _____ Cell Phone _____
Fax _____ Email _____
Number in ensemble (#1) _____ (#2) _____ (#3) _____
Total Amount Enclosed _____

NOTES FOR DIRECTORS:

1. Festival date is **Friday, October 18th**
2. There shall be written comments by the clinician.
3. Each participating choir must submit **2 copies of their performance selections with measures numbered.**
4. School Fee of \$125.00 is payable with your registration, each additional choir fee is \$75.00. ***Make check payable to Westfield State University*** – Choral Department in memo.
5. **PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WILL NEED AN ACCOMPANIST. YES NO**
(If you will need an accompanist of any selections, please make sure to submit a copy of your music with your application.)
5. Teachers and students should bring about **\$15 to cover both lunch and dinner on campus, or bring a sack lunch**). A price list will be provided after your group completes its registration.
6. **Combined Festival Repertoire:**
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Program

(*) - Total Performance time no more than 10 minutes

Title	Composer
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3.	

Please return by 10/04/19 to:

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