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ECU STUDENT CHAPTER OF ACDA

proudly announce the seventh annual

High School Choral Leadership Conference  
and  
Conductor’s Summit

Saturday, February 2, 2019  
St. James United Methodist Church  
2000 E 6th St.  
Greenville, NC 27858

Dr. Donald Neuen, Guest Clinician  
Dr. James Franklin, Director of Choral Activities

Designed as a unique “honors” choral experience for high school singers AND a professional development opportunity for North Carolina teachers and conductors, these events will feature visiting clinician Dr. Donald Neuen, Distinguished Professor of Music Emeritus, UCLA, and former Assistant Conductor to Robert Shaw.

For participation in the Leadership Conference, high school music educators will nominate a balanced quartet or octet of the most deserving choral leaders (grades 10-12) from their choir. Students will participate in rehearsal sessions of selected high-quality choral literature, specifically chosen by the clinician for this conference. During rehearsals, students will be exposed to concepts of vocal production, choral techniques, strengthening musicianship skills, and providing leadership in their choral program. Interested students may also attend a master class with ECU vocal faculty where they receive coaching on solo vocal literature. This master class is a tremendous resource, especially to those preparing for college auditions.

For participation in the Conductor’s Summit, all North Carolina teachers and choral conductors are invited to attend, even those who do not have students participating in the Leadership Conference. Dr. Neuen will present two morning interest sessions similar to those at an ACDA or NCMEA conference (see schedule below for detail). Additionally, directors will have the opportunity to observe Dr. Neuen in rehearsals and participate in a Q&A session focusing on choral techniques and rehearsal strategies.

The day will conclude with a rousing performance by the internationally renowned ECU Chamber Singers.

To register, please visit the ECU Choral Music Events page and click on the application link.

The registration form and fee are due by Friday, January 25, 2019.
In 1993, after twelve years on the faculty of the Eastman School of Music, Rochester New York, Neuen accepted the position of Professor of Music/Conducting and Director of Choral Activities for UCLA. He developed the highly acclaimed UCLA Chorale and a graduate program in choral conducting - both the Master of Music (MM) and the Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA). In 2013 Neuen received UCLA's prestigious award of “Distinguished Professorship”. He retired from UCLA July, 2014.

He recently retired from the position of Choral Conductor and Minister of Music with the Shepherd’s Grove Church, Orange County, CA (formerly the Crystal Cathedral), and the internationally televised Hour of Power, viewed by millions throughout the world each week. The emphasis and mission: “Quality presentation of great traditional sacred music”.

Prior to his position at The Eastman School of Music, Neuen served on the faculties of the Universities of Wisconsin, Tennessee, and Ball State, and as Director of both Choral and Orchestral Activities for Georgia State University.

Robert Shaw brought Neuen to Atlanta in 1970, as his Assistant Conductor and Director of Choral Activities, to create the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus. The collaboration of Neuen and Shaw in the performance of major works for chorus and orchestra began in 1960. Mr. Shaw, a major force in Neuen’s development, was his teacher, musical advisor, and mentor. Neuen was a member of the world famous Robert Shaw Chorale.

His wide-range of choral experience includes teaching all levels of public school music; church, community, symphony and collegiate choruses, chamber music, and opera. He has also been innovative in the areas of Jazz and Show Choirs. He is internationally recognized for the presentation of major extended works for chorus, soloists and orchestra.

His widely used textbook on choral techniques, methods and conducting, Choral Concepts, is published by Cengage Learning/Schirmer. The Choral Excellence Series publishes a recently revised seven-set collection of Neuen’s conducting, choral techniques and teaching methods. They also publish his recently revised booklet for singers, Empower the Choir! – Concepts for Singers.
East Carolina University
High School Choral Leadership Conference
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Schedule – Choral Leadership Conference

8:30 am – 9:30 am  Registration
9:30 am – 10:40 am  Rehearsal 1 (S/A & T/B sectional)
10:40 am – 10:50 am  Break
10:50 am – 12:00 pm  Rehearsal 2
12:00 pm – 12:40 pm  Lunch
12:45 pm – 1:55 pm  Rehearsal with Dr. Neuen
1:55 pm – 2:05 pm  Break
2:05 pm – 2:50 pm  Rehearsal with Dr. Neuen
2:50 pm – 3:15 pm  Q & A with Dr. Neuen
3:15 pm – 4:00 pm  ECU Chamber Singers performance

***Two vocal master classes will be held throughout the day. Specific class times will be provided during check-in on the day of the event. Participating students must bring two copies of their music.***

Schedule – Conductor’s Summit

8:30 am – 9:30 am  Registration
9:30 am – 10:30 am  Session 1 – TBA
10:30 am – 10:55 am  Coffee and pastry break
11:00 am – 12:00 pm  Session 2 – TBA
12:00 pm – 12:40 pm  Lunch
12:45 pm – 1:55 pm  Observe Dr. Neuen in rehearsal
1:55 pm – 2:05 pm  Break
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