

Jeffrey Redding

Jeffery Redding is in his tenth year as Director of Choral Activities at West Orange High School in Winter Garden, Florida. He challenges his students to strive to do their best in life, to “touch and change lives” through their music, and to seek “unity” between people of all races. Under his direction, the West Orange High School Choirs have been privileged to perform at State, Southern Division, and National Conventions of the American Choral Directors’ Association. They have toured nationally and internationally, receiving top honors at the Heritage Festival of Gold in New York City and San Francisco, the Moses Hogan Festival of Spirituals in Washington, D.C., and the International Choral Music Festival in Verona, Italy. They have also been featured with the Florida Youth Chorale in Carnegie Hall. Mr. Redding’s choirs consistently receive superior ratings at District and State Chorus Music Performance Assessments and perform at numerous university, high school, church, and community events.

Mr. Redding is a sought after clinician and conductor at local, regional, and national levels. He recently conducted the High School Women’s Honor Choir for the Florida Music Educators All State Conference in Tampa, Florida. In addition he has conducted All-State choirs in Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia and Louisiana. In 2007 and 2008, he is scheduled to conduct All-State choirs in Kansas and Oklahoma, the Mars Hill College Choral Festival in North Carolina, the Baptist Church Music Conference in Winter Park, FL, the OAKE National Conference Honor Choir in Chicago, IL and the ACDA Summer Conference in New Jersey. Mr. Redding has guest conducted for the ACDA Central Division Convention in Chicago and the National ACDA Convention in Los Angeles. He was privileged to be the guest conductor of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir for their Spring 2005 broadcast.

Respected greatly by his students, Mr. Redding has been named the 2006 “Teacher Of The Year” for the Ocoee, FL Wal-Mart, the 2004 K92FM “Teacher of the Month”, 2003-2004 West Orange High School National Honor Society “Teacher of the Year”, 2002-2003 West Orange High School “Teacher of the Year”, 2000 Who’s Who Among American Teachers, and 1990 Outstanding Young Man of America. He has also been nominated for Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers for 2006.

Mr. Redding received the M.M.E. in Choral Conducting from Florida State University, where he served as Assistant Conductor of the Tallahassee Community Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Andre Thomas. He holds the B.S. in Music Education from Florida A & M University, where he was student director of the FAMU Singers, studying voice and conducting under the late Dr. August Pearson, Jr. He was honored to be able to sing professionally with the distinguished Moses Hogan singers.

Actively involved in his professional organizations, Mr. Redding is a member of ACDA, FVA, FMEA, and MENC and has held offices of Chairperson of FVA District 8 and Co-Chair of the Florida ACDA Mixed Honor Choir. Currently, Mr. Redding is the R & S Chair of the Florida American Choral Director’s Association’s Ethnic and Multicultural Affairs.