

# Eastern Midland Conference Choral Festival

*Monday, November 10th 2014*  
*Bennington Performing Arts Center*

Eatnemen Vuelie.....Frode Fjellheim

Director: Wes Hansmeyer  
**Norris High School**

At the Round Earth's Imagined Corners.....Williametta Spencer

Director: Dan Hutsell  
**Blair High School**

All I Ask of You (+ Reprise) from Phantom of the Opera.....Andrew Lloyd Webber

Director: Abby Thompson      Accompanist: Nancy Edwards  
**Elkhorn High School**

My Girl.....Ryan Vandergriend

Director: Adam Lambert  
**Elkhorn South High School's The "Accattractives"**

Sweet Dreams.....Deke Sharon

Director: Pat Ribar      Accompanist: Paul Rath  
**Gretna High School**

El Grillo.....Josquin Des Prez

Director: Stephanie Stanek  
**Nebraska City High School**

Sing as One.....Johnny Priano

Director: Rachel Kornfeld  
**Waverly High School**

Frozen (Choral Suite).....arr. Roger Emerson

Director: Tye Hanke  
**Bennington High School**

*No selection*.....

Director: Chris Work  
**Plattsmouth High School**

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Hallelujah!.....Ludwig van Beethoven  
from *Mount of Olives*

Ye Followers of the Lamb.....Edwin Earle Ferguson

Three Shaker Songs.....Michael Czajkowski

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing.....Mack Wilberg  
from *Four American Folk Hymns*

## **Dr. Fritz Mountford, Clinician**

Dr. Fritz Mountford, a native of Red Cloud, Nebraska, is Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Hastings College where he conducts The Hastings College Choir and teaches courses in Conducting, Choral Arranging, Composition, Music History, and World Music.

Dr. Mountford has served as guest All-state conductor, clinician, and adjudicator in 35 states and in Europe and is recognized nationally as an innovative educator, author, and lecturer. His education and entertainment philosophy and techniques are highlighted in a series of internationally distributed video master classes and he was featured in the PBS television documentary "Teaching America to Sing." He is the author of the textbook, "The Art of Entertainment; a Producer's Sourcebook" and of articles for the Journal of the American Choral Directors Association and for the 24-volume Oxford American National Biography.

After graduating from Hastings College, Dr. Mountford taught public school music, speech, and theatre in Nebraska; toured America as a professional singer and choral director with Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians; and was a vocal coach and entertainment consultant for the Walt Disney Company's Florida and California theme parks. He returned to Hastings College from Indiana, where he served on the faculty of Ball State University, taught graduate and undergraduate courses in choral music and entertainment arts, and served as producer/director of the critically acclaimed Ball State University Singers, "America's Number One Collegiate Entertainment Organization."

Fritz Mountford earned the degree Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Missouri-Kansas City; a Master of Music in Conducting from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida; and in Music Education from Hastings College.

## **Miriam Sukraw, Accompanist**

Miriam Sukraw, staff accompanist at Bennington High School and keyboardist at St. Thomas Lutheran in Millard, graduated from Midland College with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education and UNL with a Master of Music Degree. Miriam taught elementary music in Council Bluffs and Millard for eleven years before son Mark was born. She has taught piano and kindergarten music in Bennington, accompanied in District 66 and OPS, and served as organist at St. John Lutheran in Bennington and First Lutheran in Fremont. She and husband, Ken, enjoy their three grandchildren who also live in Bennington.