



Leadership 2024-2025

Dr. Jefferson Johnson

Artistic Director & Conductor of the Lexington Singers



Jefferson Johnson is Director of Choral Activities at the University of Kentucky where he conducts the University Chorale and Men's Chorus. He also teaches advanced choral conducting, choral methods and literature, and directs the graduate program (MM and DMA degrees) in choral music. A native of Atlanta, Johnson received the Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Georgia (magna cum laude, 1978), the Master of Music from the University of Tennessee (1981), and the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Colorado (1992). While living in Atlanta, Johnson was also a member of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus and Chamber Chorus conducted by Robert Shaw.

Johnson is presently Artistic Director and Conductor of the [Lexington Singers](#). The 180-voice community chorus annually performs major works with the Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra. The Singers have toured internationally, most recently to Brazil, France, Italy, and Austria. In 2000 the chorus performed Mozart's *Requiem* with the Vienna Mozart Orchestra in the famous Hofburg Palace and sang the evening mass at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris. In 2003, the chorus performed in St. Marks Cathedral in Venice and sang mass at St. Peters Basilica in Vatican City. In 1999, the Lexington Singers celebrated its 40th anniversary with a performance in New York City as Johnson made his Carnegie Hall debut conducting the Singers and orchestra in Faure's *Requiem*.

Johnson maintains an active schedule as an adjudicator and guest conductor for high-school and collegiate choirs throughout the United States. He has conducted honor choruses in 30 states and has appeared as a featured clinician at ACDA or MENC conventions in Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia.

Dr. Johnie Dean

Assistant Director and Accompanist for the Lexington Singers



Dr. Johnie Dean lives in Lexington, Kentucky, where he is actively involved in educational and church music. He is the Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs at Midway College, and also serves as an adjunct music professor at the University of Kentucky. In addition, he is the Assistant Conductor of The Lexington Singers, and works with area local churches and their music leadership.

Dr. Dean received his Bachelor of Music degree in church music from Campbellsville College in Campbellsville, Kentucky, and his Master of Church Music degree in composition from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. His Doctor of Musical Arts degree in composition was granted by the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

Winner of numerous awards in both writing and performance, Dr. Dean is well-represented in sacred catalogs with having over 200 works published for piano, adult and children's choirs, handbells, orchestra, and instrumental ensembles. He also serves as a frequent choral adjudicator, vocal coach, vocal soloist, accompanist, and guest conductor.

A Kentucky native, he has been composing and arranging music over 40 years and has more than 200 published works. His recent published work, *The Pirates of Penzance Medley*, National Music Publishers, was performed by the Florida All-State High School TTBB Chorus in 2012 and by the Texas All-State Men's High School TTBB Choir in 2013. Other recent published works include three piano collections published by FJH Music Publishing Company in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, a solo piano CD of his arrangements titled *I Need Thee Every Hour*, and numbers included on The American Spiritual Ensemble's Christmas CD. Dr. Dean arranges and orchestrates commissioned numbers throughout the year.

Brock Terry, Accompanist, Lexington Singers



Brock Terry holds music degrees from Georgetown College and Emory University and is the Director of Music at the historic First United Methodist Church in downtown Lexington. He is also the Resident Music Director at The Lexington Theatre Company.

In 2024, Mr. Terry will complete the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in conducting at the University of Kentucky.

Daniel Wesley

LSCC Artistic Director, Conductor of the LSCC Chamber Choir



Daniel Wesley was named Artistic Director of the Lexington Singers Children's Choir in 2023. Prior to his appointment, he served as the LSCC Advanced Choir Director for eleven years. Mr. Wesley is also the Fine Arts Chair at Lexington Christian Academy and Minister of Music at the historic Lexington Avenue Baptist Church in Danville.

Choirs under Mr. Wesley's direction have toured extensively throughout the United States and Europe. Most recently, he has led performances in Italy, Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Wales, Ireland, England, Israel, and New York. His ensembles have performed by invitation at five conferences of the Kentucky Music Educators Association and in three solo engagements at Carnegie Hall.

Mr. Wesley has conducted honor choirs, adjudicated choral festivals, and presented clinics at school and church music conferences throughout the country. Mr. Wesley is a two-time recipient of the Ruth Coppler Outstanding Teacher Award. He holds degrees in Music Education from the University of Kentucky and Campbellsville University, where he received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award for his research on choral formation. Mr. Wesley and his wife reside in Lexington with their three children.