

Chris Shepard

Conductor



CHRIS SHEPARD is music director of three choral ensembles: the Masterwork Chorus, based in Morristown; CONCORA, a professional choir in Hartford, CT; and the Worcester Chorus in central Massachusetts. With these choirs, Chris has performed a wide range of repertoire, collaborating with a number of major orchestras in venues that include Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center and Radio City Music Hall in New York, as well as the Royal Festival Hall in London and the Palacio de Bellas Artes in Mexico City. A conductor with a particular affinity for the choral music of J.S. Bach, Chris founded the Sydneian Bach Choir in Sydney, Australia, an ensemble that has performed all of Bach's choral cantatas as well as all of his major choral works. He has taught at the Taft School, Sydney Grammar School and Holy Cross College, and he is currently Music Director at St John's Episcopal Church in Stamford, CT. Chris holds degrees from the Hartt School, Yale and the University of Sydney. His PhD dissertation won the American Choral Directors Association's 2012 Julius Herford Prize for outstanding doctoral thesis in choral music.