

## John Wilson

*Conductor*



**John Wilson**, conductor, leads the Princeton Girlchoir's Cantores ensemble, the Westminster Community Chorus, and heads the choral department at Bridgewater-Raritan High School. Mr. Wilson teaches courses in music education at Rutgers University, and also assists Dr. Patrick Gardner in the musical preparation of the prestigious Rutgers University Glee Club and Kirkpatrick Choir.

His choirs have consistently received superior and first-place ratings in festivals throughout the state, earning praise most recently for performances of Gustav Holst's Hymns from the Rig-Veda. Mr. Wilson's ensembles have performed at major venues in the New York/New Jersey area under the baton of Ryan Brandau, Alan Raines, Lee Nelson, and Andrew Megill. This year, the Bridgewater-Raritan High School Symphonic choir will collaborate with Deborah Simpkin-King and her choir, Schola Cantorum on Hudson, in a performance of Eric Banks' I Am Among Them in February of 2016 in Manhattan and Montclair.

John has served as a conducting fellow at the 2014 Yale School of Music Choral Conducting Workshop, held in Norfolk, Connecticut, where he worked with Simon Carrington. In June of 2014, Mr. Wilson worked with Harold Farberman, Guillermo Figueroa, and Eduardo Navega at Bard College's Orchestral Conducting Institute. For the last two years, Mr. Wilson served on the faculty at Westminster Choir College's High School Vocal Institute, where he conducted the women's choir and led classes in conducting.

In addition to his work as a teacher and conductor, John is also active as a professional singer. He has performed as a soloist in J.S. Bach's B Minor Mass (2012) and G.F. Handel's Israel In Egypt (2013) with the Westminster Chamber Choir and Orchestra in Princeton.

Central to his conducting philosophy is a believe that communicative performances come from a deep awareness of the text, commitment to breathing together, and a dynamic interaction between ensemble and conductor.