

Tom T. Shelton, Jr.

Conductor



TOM T. SHELTON, JR. is a native of Greensboro, N.C. and a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where he earned both a Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Music in Choral Conducting. He is associate professor and chair of the Conducting, Organ, and Sacred Music Department at Westminster Choir College of Rider University. At Westminster, Mr. Shelton teaches courses in Sacred Music, Conducting, Music Education, and conducts the Williamson Voices Treble Ensemble. In addition, he is the Director of Children's and Youth Choirs at Princeton United Methodist Church and conducts two ensembles with the Princeton Girlchoir Organization.

Mr. Shelton has a passion for music education in all areas: church, school and community. He taught middle school choral music in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County for 18 years. During that time, he was selected Teacher of the Year for both Atkins Middle School and Kernersville Middle School. In 1999 the North Carolina Music Educators Association presented him with the North Carolina Middle School Music Teacher of the Year award.

Mr. Shelton is an active member of the American Choral Directors Association, having served as the National Past President (2017-2019). Other ACDA leadership positions have included Southern Division president; National R&S chair for Middle School/Junior High Choirs; and North Carolina president.

Mr. Shelton has conducted choral festivals, presented workshops, and adjudicated international choral festivals in 21 states as well as Hong Kong; Jakarta, Indonesia; Sri Lanka; and Belarus. He has over 60 compositions published by Choristers Guild, Colla Voce Music, G. Schirmer, Galaxy, GIA Publications, Growing in Grace Curriculum, Heritage Music Press, Hinshaw Music Company, Musicspoke.com, Santa Barbara Music Press, and Walton Music.