



American Music Abroad

Announces Adult Community Tour 2024 Europe Conductors!

July 23rd - August 2nd



Keith Hodgson Head Director
Band Conductor

New Jersey [BIO](#)

Keith W. Hodgson has been a professor of music education at The University of the Arts in Philadelphia since 2016. As a high school instrumental

director for 26 years in NJ, Mr. Hodgson's experience with orchestra, concert, jazz, and marching bands is extensive. Mr. Hodgson is a past president of the NJMEA and NAFME's Eastern Division; Conductor of the South Jersey Area Wind Ensemble; a director with AMA for 25 years; and an active guest conductor and session presenter.



Stanley Schoonover
Band Conductor

Virginia [BIO](#)

Stanley R. Schoonover has led the Fairfax Wind Sym. for all of its' 25 seasons as Music Director. His 32-year career in public school

education included eleven years as Music Supervisor for the Fairfax County Public Schools, widely regarded as one of America's foremost school music programs. Mr. Schoonover is a Past-President of the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association and is an elected member of the prestigious American Bandmasters Association.



Laurie Kunzle
Band Conductor

New Jersey [BIO](#)

Laurie J. Kunzle is a musician, educator, and composer. An instrumental music teacher in NJ for over

34 years. Kunzle composes works for instrumental ensembles including arranging for the marching arts. A clarinetist and conductor, Kunzle currently performs with the New Jersey Wind Symphony, the Plainfield Symphony, and is a freelance musician on woodwinds and as a guest conductor.



Scott Uddenberg
Choral Conductor

Illinois [BIO](#)

Elmhurst Choral Union's conductor and artistic director, Scott Uddenberg, is a well-known conductor, soloist, professional chorister,

and educator in the Chicago area. He is the founder and director of the Elmhurst Choral Union Chamber Singers. A longtime member of the Chicago Symphony Chorus and Grant Park Chorus, Scott has performed with some of the greatest conductors in history.



Jason Bizich
Choral Conductor

Pennsylvania [BIO](#)

Jason Bizich has led a 25 year career as a music educator and professional conductor-adept with all genres of music including choral, symphonic,

oratorio, and music theatre. Bizich is Director of Choral Studies at Harrilton High School in the Lower Merion School District, PA. In 2002, Jason was selected as one of only eighteen conductors worldwide to conduct the Chicago Sym Chorus and Civic Orch during a master class sponsored by Chorus America and the Am. Sym. Orch. League.



Christine Hestwood
Choral Conductor

Pennsylvania [BIO](#)

Christine Hestwood is a Pittsburgh-based conductor, educator and singer. She is music director at Westminster Pres. Church in Upper St. Clair

and the conductor of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra's Hamlisch-Page Student Choir. She recently retired from the Upper St. Clair School District, where she taught general, choral and orchestral music. Formerly, she was the asst. cond. of the Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh and Director of the Junior Mendelssohn Choir.