

Judges
Best in the Northwest Choir Festival
2018



Dr. Samuel Barbara is the newly appointed Director of Choral and Vocal Studies at Portland Community College, Rock Creek Campus, where he conducts the chamber and concert choirs, teaches applied lessons and class voice. Before relocating home to Oregon, Samuel served as Director of Choral Activities and assistant professor of music at Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. He completed his doctorate in choral music at the University of Southern California, where he was senior teaching assistant in the Department of Choral and Sacred Music and assistant conductor of the USC Thornton Chamber Singers. While at USC, he studied under Jo-Michael Scheibe, Nick Strimple, Cristian Grases and Donald Brinegar. Before moving to Southern California, Dr. Barbara served as Director of Choirs at Cleveland High School in Portland, where he was awarded the “Golden C” for excellence in teaching. Under his direction, the Cleveland “A” Choir won the 5A Oregon State Choir Championships three times. Samuel earned his Bachelor of Arts in Music and Master of Arts in Teaching degrees from the University of Portland. After completing his undergraduate work, Samuel was awarded a Fulbright Grant to teach English and study music in Weimar, Germany. While in Weimar he taught at the *Musikgymnasium Schloss Belvedere*, sang in the chamber choir at the Franz Liszt Music Conservatory, and took choral conducting coursework under Professor Jürgen Puschbeck.

Dr. Barbara has sung professionally, both as a soloist and an ensemble member, and he remains active as a vocal artist. He is in demand as a guest conductor, choral clinician and adjudicator.



Margaret Green has enjoyed making music in the Portland area for over 25 years. She is the vocal music director at the Vancouver School of Arts and Academics, an arts magnet in Vancouver, Washington, was the conductor of Belle Voci Women's Vocal Ensemble, and directed the Women's choir at Lewis and Clark College. Green is an active adjudicator and guest clinician for high school and middle school choral events, an honor choir conductor, and received National Board Certification in Teaching in 2011. In addition, Margaret is a member of the American Choral Directors Association, NW Liederkrantz (2006-2016), and NafMe.

A few highlights from her career include: receiving a Fellowship through the SURDNA Foundation in New York to research both the African American Singing Tradition and Eastern European Vocal Traditions, Guest Conductor for the Oregon ACDA Fall Choral Workshop in 2015 and 2017, recipient of the Outstanding Educator of the Year award in 2016 from the Washington State PTA, on the faculty of MidSummer Musical Retreat, and singing in the Gospel Christmas Choir with the Oregon Symphony.



Anna Rikli is the Director of Choirs at Liberty High School in Hillsboro, OR. Under her direction, the Liberty HS Choirs have performed at numerous area festivals, collaborated with the Westside Community and Youth Orchestra, and received 2nd place at the OSAA 5A State Championships in 2015 and 2016. Anna is a graduate of the University of Oregon (BME) and Oregon State University (MA), and has provided sessions at both OMEA and Oregon ACDA workshops. She currently serves as the Oregon ACDA treasurer and has performed with the Corvallis Repertory Singers, Willamette Master Chorus, and Oregon Repertory Singers, and teaches private voice.