



Dear Choral Directors,

We are excited to invite you and your tenor and bass singers to join us for **RitterSing** at Wartburg College on **Saturday, October 5th, 2024!**

This event is designed to jump-start and motivate the tenors and basses in your choral program early in the year. Although designed with middle school and high school students in mind, we encourage and invite church and community choir singers to participate as a celebration of the life-long pursuit of music.

The festival offers two choirs: a 7th-9th/10th Grade Chorus (known as the Squire's Festival Chorus) and a 9th/10th Grade–Adult chorus (known as the Knight's Festival Chorus). Choose whichever choir works best for your students. From Linn-Marr HS, **Trent Buglewicz**, will conduct the 7th-9th/10th Grade Chorus, and Wartburg's Director of Choral Activities, **Dr. Lee Nelson**, will conduct the 9th/10th Grade – Adult chorus.

We are excited to announce that composer and Wartburg alum, **Connor Koppin** will be our featured guest for the festival. This festival will feature many of Connor's selections! Also at RitterSing this year, we are excited to welcome Iowa native, **Steven Albaugh** and his tenor bass ensemble from Rosemont High School in Rosemont, MN!

Educator Sessions will be available focusing on recruitment, retention, commissioning, and teaching strategies for working with tenor/bass voices. More information about the workshops will be available at a later date.

The day will culminate in a grand finale concert featuring the Grades 7th-9th/10th festival chorus, Grade 9th-Adult festival chorus, a combined festival choir (all participants), and Wartburg College's tenor/bass ensembles Ritterchor and Festeburg.

To register your singers for this event, visit www.wartburg.edu/festivals. The registration link will go live on Tuesday, August 27th and will remain open through 11:59pm on Thursday, September 19th OR until the ensembles are at capacity. This festival WILL reach capacity, so do not wait until the deadline to turn in your registration.

Music lists and information will be released later this week! Music can be purchased from your favorite music distributor, such as West Music, JWPepper, Rieman Music, etc...

It is our hope to inspire and invigorate your young tenors and basses while helping them find the joy and richness that singing brings to life!

Sincerely,

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