

# The Conductors' Podium

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## THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Conductors:

A hearty welcome back to work after your leisurely summer vacations and European tours! I hope that you had sufficient time for both reflection and planning, and have begun the new year with both enthusiasm and purpose.

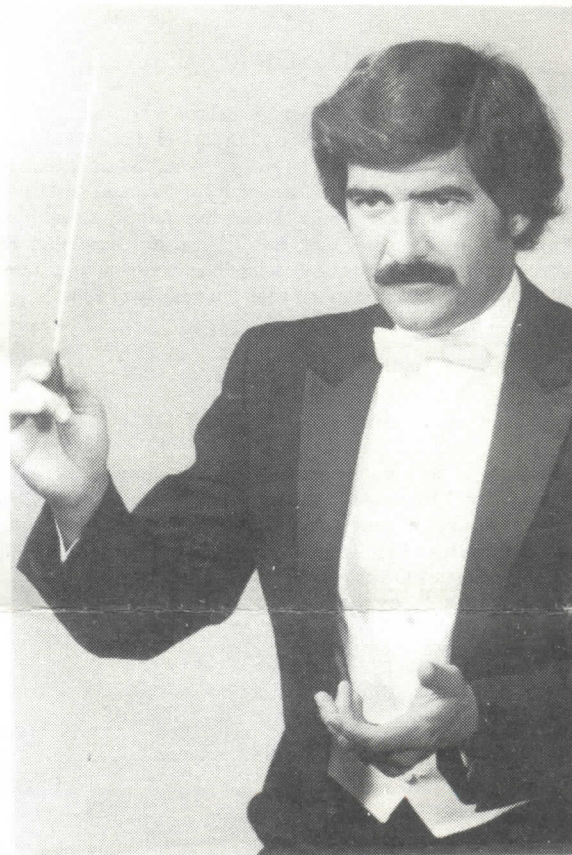
Upon beginning my tenure of office let my first official act be to express our sincere appreciation to Dr. Theodore Klinka, who has provided us with such exceptional leadership during the past two years. Under Ted's guidance we have steadily grown in membership, experienced two districts, committed ourselves to the support of within the districts, committed ourselves to the support of elementary and junior high choral programs, identified our concerns and beliefs through a list of resolutions, and proposed legislation that would strengthen music's place in each school curriculum (this is now in the form of a bill that sits on the Governor's desk, awaiting his signature). Additionally, ACDA has been represented at the Governors Conference on Education and at meetings of the Alliance for the Arts in Education, and continues to interact effectively with IMEA.

Under any other circumstances I would be reluctant to follow in Ted's shoes. However, I am encouraged and surrounded by colleagues of measureless energy, commitment and ability. Dr. William E. Schnell, our newly-elected President-elect, has already immersed himself in Illinois ACDA activities, and weekly advises me on decision-making. Dr. James Wilson continues to serve as Editor of "The Conductors' Podium", effecting our communication with members and friends. Our continued growth is evidenced in the creation of the office of Treasurer, so that our funds will be used with the utmost efficiency and control. We welcome Mrs. Patricia Densford, who has accepted this appointment. Pat has already demonstrated her propensity for handling money, serving as registrar for our first three conventions.

Several people have already accepted appointments as District Chairpersons for the coming term, and when the roster is complete will be announced by name. I am also grateful for the many friends who have volunteered to be of assistance in any way that will further the cause and purposes of ACDA. Surely, it is only through the interest and involvement of all our members that ACDA can continue to be a dominant force for choral music in Illinois.

Last month I returned from Europe and was greeted by a magnificent surprise in my mailbox. A letter from Chuck Thomley, Convention Chair for the North Central Division Convention,

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DR. DON V. MOSES

Since 1973 Don Moses has been Director of Choral Activities at the University of Iowa, Iowa City. Following undergraduate training at Fort Hays Kansas State College, he completed both the masters and doctoral degrees in music at Indiana University and taught there 1964-1973.

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ACDA College Choir Invitational Festival Feb. 16, 1980  
Illinois State University



## Dr. Moses Continued

At both Indiana and Iowa he gained a fine reputation for excellent performing groups with a wide range of literature including contemporary and avant-garde choral works. His groups have performed at two national ACDA conventions and regional meetings of both MENC and ACDA.

He has served as clinician and lecturer across the nation and recently was the musical director of a Haydn festival in Eisenstadt, Austria.

During our convention Dr. Moses will rehearse and direct the select voice College Honors Choir in the Haydn Missa Sancti Nicolai and the Stravinsky Mass.

### MADISON D. SHORT

Mr. Short has developed a sight-singing strategy for choral groups called "The Right to Sight-Sing" (Madison Music Publications, P. O. Box 764, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30086). He is a choral teacher at Columbia High School in Dekalb County, Georgia. His sight-singing method was presented to the southern MENC convention in Nashville last spring.

### STEPHEN ROSALACK

For the past five years Mr. Rosalack was music director of the Peoria Diocese of the Catholic Church and director of music for the Cathedral. Until last April he was founder and director of the Peoria Schola Cantorum which performed at the national ACDA Convention in Kansas City last spring. Following undergraduate work at the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire, he completed his M.Mus. degree at the University of Wisconsin at Madison and is now working full time on his DMA degree at the University of Illinois.

### DR. LEONARD VAN CAMP

Leonard is well known among Illinois choral directors as a past-president of Illinois ACDA and as a proponent and editor of early American music. Presently serving in his eleventh year as Director of Choral Activities at SIU Edwardsville. He will lead a reading session of "lively music" at the convention.



DOREEN RAO

Doreen has achieved an enviable reputation as director of the Glen Ellyn Children's Chorus, which has performed at state and regional conventions and has sung with the Chicago Symphony under Solti. She is very active as a clinician and festival conductor. Her undergraduate work was at the University of Illinois and her MM degree was from Northwestern University. Doreen will present a lively lecture-demonstration on junior high school music working with three guest junior high choirs.

### MARY E. HOFFMAN

Mary Hoffman, who is President-elect of MENC, is an associate professor of music education at the University of Illinois, Urbana. Prior to going to U of I, she was supervisor of elementary and junior high music in Milwaukee and Philadelphia; and taught vocal music, both elementary and secondary in Delaware, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania. Following undergraduate work at Lebanon Valley College, and a master's degree at Teachers College, Columbia University, she did two years further graduate study at Northwestern University. She is past president of Wisconsin Music Educators Conference and has co-authored three music texts and has been consultant on two music series.

## CLIP AND MAIL

### PRE - REGISTRATION FORM

Fourth Illinois ACDA State Convention, EIU, October 12 - 13, 1979

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: ILLINOIS ACDA

Mail before October 2 to:  
Patricia Densford, Treasurer  
Illinois ACDA  
1017 59th Street  
Lisle, IL 60532

	Please check
ACDA member (inc. luncheon)	\$15 _____
Non-member* (inc. luncheon)	\$25 _____
Spouse (inc. luncheon)	\$10 _____
Student (inc. luncheon)	\$15 _____
Luncheon only	\$ 6 _____
Total amount enclosed _____	

Note: The luncheon is available **only** to those who pre-register.

\* Non-members who join ACDA at the convention may pre-register at member's rates.

# State ACDA Convention at EIU October 12-13

## "CHORAL REPERTOIRE AND TECHNIQUES WORKSHOP"

The Fourth Annual Illinois ACDA State Convention  
Doudna Fine Arts Center  
Eastern Illinois University, Charleston

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

1:30 p.m. Rehearsal I, College Honors Choir, Dr. Don Moses, Guest Conductor  
Literature: Haydn Missa Sancti Nicolai  
Stravinsky Mass

2:30 p.m. Illinois ACDA Board of Directors Business Meeting

5:30-7:00 Rehearsal II, College Honors Choir

6:00-6:45 REGISTRATION - Main Lobby

7:00 p.m. OPENING SESSION  
Address: "The Retention of Elementary and Junior High Choruses"  
Mary E. Hoffman, President-elect of MENC  
Performance: Illinois State University Concert Choir  
Dr. Donald Armstrong, Conductor  
Reading Session: "Entertaining, Exciting, Encore-like Octavos"  
Dr. Leonard Van Camp, clinician  
Gemuflichkeit (cash bar) Charleston Holiday Inn banquet room

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:15-8:45 REGISTRATION - Main Lobby

9:00 a.m. MORNING SESSION  
Lecture-Demonstration: "The Right to Sight-Sing", Madison Short, clinician  
Address: "Creative Programming with the Church Choir"  
Stephen Rosolack, clinician  
Performance: Illinois College Honors Choir, Dr. Don Moses, conductor

12:00-1:15 CONVENTION LUNCHEON, University Union  
Please Pre-register for luncheon  
  
Luncheon Concert: Concert Choir, EIU, Dr. Robert Snyder, conductor  
Chamber Singers, EIU, Dr. John Maharg, conductor

1:30 p.m. AFTERNOON SESSION  
Junior High School Concert - Demonstration  
"Developing a Vocal Approach to Choral Singing" Doreen Rao, clinician  
Demonstration Choirs  
Mascootah Junior High School Choir, Charles Rann, director  
Taylorville Junior High School Choir, Susan Boroian, director  
Eisenhower Junior High School Choir, Darien - Elizabeth Larson, director

3:00 p.m. Lecture - Rehearsal  
"Performing Problems and Conducting Techniques" - Dr. Don Moses, clinician  
Literature: Haydn Mass in Time of War  
Mozart Coronation Mass  
Beethoven Mass in C

Overnight guests are referred to the Charleston Holiday Inn, located a short drive from EIU at 920 W. Lincoln (Route 16), Charleston, IL 61920, 217-348-8161. Mention Illinois ACDA to qualify for reduced rates. Single \$20 Double \$24 Triple \$28 Quad \$32

Close of convention approximately 4 o'clock

Please pre-register, especially to reserve a luncheon ticket.

Bring your own scores or you may purchase them at the convention.

Turn off Illinois Highway 16 east of "Old Main" to the Fine Arts Center.



## President's Letter continued

## STATE ACDA OFFICERS

announced that of the fifteen choirs selected to perform at the Madison, Wisconsin, convention, no fewer than seven are from Illinois! How's that for making you feel proud? Our heartiest congratulations are extended to Ted Klinka, Rex Hicks, Lynne Bradley, Donald Morrison, Doreen Rao, John Farrell, Calvin Hedegaard and their singers.

Plans for our fourth state convention are nearly finalized and we are very excited about the sessions that are to take place. In selecting choirs and clinicians our objective has been to make the weekend workshop-oriented. Rather than "entertain", the sessions are designed to focus on the "process". As this issue of the "Podium" is largely devoted to the convention, there's no need to elaborate on the information that can be found elsewhere. I would encourage you, however, to come early on Friday and watch Don Moses in his opening rehearsal with the College Honors Choir; seeing a master conductor at work may be the most beneficial of all.

In closing, I would extend a special invitation to conductors who are not presently members of ACDA to attend our convention and consider membership. Ours is a professional organization that deals only with choral music, but with every facet of the choral art. I can assure you that your interest would be amply rewarded.

Ted, Bill, Jim, Pat and I look forward to seeing you all within the next few weeks. In addition to many fine sessions, there will be many opportunities for socializing, particularly at our Friday evening *gemutlichkeit* and Saturday afternoon luncheon. Plan now to join us!

Best wishes for a great year,

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District Chairmen will be announced later.

### ITEM

Planning has already begun for next year's state convention, to be held on October 10-11. Consistent with our philosophy to make our conventions accessible to all our members, we will continue to alternate between northern and southern locations. We are now looking for a suitable convention site in the northern half of the state. Important components would include an acoustically pleasing performance center, additional large rooms for warm-up areas, banquet facilities and nearby overnight accommodations at reasonable rates, and most importantly, a local host who loves to cooperate. Any conductor who would like for his facility to be considered is requested to contact President-elect Bill Schnell (312-234-3764).

*This convention was planned for you!*

*Don't you need the inspiration?*

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