DR. JOSHUA OPPENHEIM

Long Biography

Dr. Joshua Oppenheim is a conductor, educator, and podcast host. From 2008 to 2026 he led the choral program at Kansas State University as Professor of Music and Director of Choral Studies, earning tenure in 2014 and promotion to full professor in 2020. His choirs performed by invitation at the ACDA National Conference (2019), the NCCO National Conference (2019, 2013), the NAfME National Conference (2017), and multiple ACDA Southwestern Region conferences.

A leader in the profession, Oppenheim is President of the American Choral Directors Association's Southwestern Region (2026-2028), after serving as President-Elect (2024-2026), and previously sat on the national board of the National Collegiate Choral Organization (2019-2023). He began his collegiate teaching career at the Crane School of Music, SUNY Potsdam (2006-2008).

In 2025 he founded Re:Sound Ensembles, a Kansas City-based choral organization where he serves as artistic director, and in 2026 he served as Guest Chorus Master of the Kansas City Symphony Chorus, collaborating with mandolinist Chris Thile and the Kansas City Symphony. He previously founded ChoralTech in 2000 and ExpertClinician in 2017.

As a guest conductor, lecturer, and adjudicator, Oppenheim has worked in Thailand, South Korea, including the Pohang City Choir, the National Chorus of Korea, and the Catholic University of Korea, Ireland, where he served as Artistic Director of the Dublin International Choral Festival, the United Arab Emirates, and Singapore. He has led ensemble tours across the United Kingdom (2022), Ireland, France, Italy, Austria and the Czech Republic, and Finland, Latvia, and Estonia (2025). He has conducted the National Festival Chorus at Carnegie Hall (2014, 2015) and at Washington National Cathedral (2018), and has led dozens of all-state and honor choirs nationwide. Upcoming engagements include the Mississippi All-State Honor Choir (November 2026) and the Colorado TTBB All-State Choir (2027).

As co-principal investigator he has secured more than $400,000 in grant funding, including the $254,100 Summer Choral Institute. He holds the Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting from the University of North Texas, the Master of Music in Choral Conducting

from the University of Mississippi, and the Bachelor of Music in Choral and General Music Education from Western Michigan University. He is the host of the podcast What's Your Story with Joshua Oppenheim, featuring conversations with the people behind the music.

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