



Come join us for three days of music making!! Openings still available!!

Choral Music Repertoire and Strategies

- KMI 511- 1 Graduate Credit, 22.5 hrs
- \$580 tuition, fees, and materials
- Dates: July 5, 6, 7, 2017
- Times: 12:00- 5:00 pm
- Instructor: Dr. Alyson Shirk

Enjoy three days of Kodály inspired choral exploration with conductor and teacher, Dr. Alyson Shirk. Learn how ear-training and score notation reading can empower your singers to read proficiently and joyfully sing in tune. Expand your use of visual, auditory, and kinesthetic rehearsal techniques to engage your choir's focus and attention. Learn strategies that will transform your rehearsal into an integrative environment for a healthy voice and blended and balanced choral sound. Come away with accessible choral gems for unison, two part, SSA, SAB and SATB choirs that will enhance your choral programming, grip your students, and delight your audiences.

Dr. Alyson Shirk



Dr. Alyson Shirk serves as Director of Music for the Bryn Mawr School. Earning her doctorate in vocal performance from Shenandoah Conservatory in 2009, Alyson was awarded the Dean's Graduate Scholar Award for excellence in scholarship for her dissertation "Mad Women in Opera: An Investigation of Madness and Selected Mad Scenes for Soprano."

In 2009, Alyson taught master classes and performed the Brahms' *Requiem* with the Ho Chi Minh Symphony Orchestra in Vietnam. In 2010, she traveled to Buenos Aires to research and perform the music of Argentine composer Carlos Guastavino. Her Bryn Mawr and Children's

Chorus choirs have performed at such prestigious venues as Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, The US State Department, and The Blair House. Most recently, Alyson's choirs performed at the International Kodály Symposium in Budapest and Kecskemét, Hungary in 2013.

In addition to her work as a regional choral clinician and adjudicator, Alyson serves as the Artistic Director of the American Kodály Children's Chorus, founded in 2013 as an outreach of the Bryn Mawr School in Baltimore.