



Gary Ken Walth - Voice Instructor

North Dakota native, Gary Walth, is a graduate of Concordia College, Moorhead, MN, where he earned a Bachelor of Music degree in choral music education under legendary conductor, Paul Christiansen. Between a successful 4-year period as a high school choral music director in ND and a 5-year award-winning placement in the same capacity in the Cherry Creek School District in suburban Denver, CO, Walth earned a Masters of Music degree and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in choral conducting from the Conservatory of Music and Dance, University of Missouri-Kansas City. It was there that he fulfilled two graduate assistantships for renown choral conductor, Eph Ehly.

Before moving to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Dr. Walth completed an 8-year tenure at Minot State University as the Director of Choral Music Studies, served a 2-year term as the ND-ACDA President and received the ND-ACDA Conductor of the Year Award in 1990. He retired in May of 2017, after 24 years as the Director of Choral Music Studies at UW-La Crosse. During his 40-plus years as a choral conductor, Walth's choirs performed at several state and regional ACDA and NAFME conferences and received glowing reviews for performances at the Frankfurt Conservatory, the Le Floreal Concert Series in Epinal, France and at the Edinburgh Choral Festival.

Dr. Walth is a published choral composer and arranger and has written two popular collections of choral warm-ups available through the Hal Leonard Corporation. He is also in demand as a guest conductor, clinician and adjudicator in several choral genres and continues to accept composition commissions from schools and churches.

Dr. Walth serves as a private voice instructor for many singers with professional aspirations and also for those who simply wish to use their voices in healthy ways as “instruments of joy and peace.” He is excited to join the wonderful staff of instructors at Reed Music Studios. Both of his daughters, Therese, now a professional actor and Christine, an elementary teacher in Bloomington, MN, studied piano at Reed Music Studios.