



# Chuck Taft

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## **Chuck Taft Professional Bio**

Chuck Taft has spent the past 20 years studying, developing, and practicing his craft as a Music Director and Conductor for sacred and secular ensembles, specializing in the older voice.

He currently serves as adjunct faculty at the University of North Carolina at Asheville, where he is Director of University Chorale; as Music Director and Conductor for the Reuter Center Singers at UNC Asheville; and as Director of the Givens Estates Choir.

Mr. Taft holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance from Western Carolina University and a Master of Music – Music and Worship degree specializing in Conducting from Lee University in Cleveland, TN, with a focus on the aging choral voice and the future of aging church choirs.

He regularly serves as Music Director and Conductor for Haywood Arts Regional Theatre, Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre, Asheville Community Theatre, and Music Director for BioFlyer Productions and Hendersonville Little Theatre. Mr. Taft has served as Season Conductor of the Blue Ridge Orchestra, Season Conductor of the Asheville Choral Society, Conductor of the Asheville Chamber Players, and Music Director, Chorus Master and Conductor for various productions of the Asheville Lyric Opera. A trained baritone soloist, he has also performed and/or conducted at many area theaters, including Highland Repertory Theater, Mars Hill College, Parkway Playhouse, UNC Asheville, Southern Appalachian Repertory Theater, Asheville Community Theater, BioFlyer Productions, Asheville Arts Center and Western Carolina University.