BETSY COOK WEBER
Chorus Director

Dr. Betsy Cook Weber is Professor of Music and Director of Choral Studies at the University of Houston's Moores School of Music. She teaches a full load of coursework, oversees the large and varied choral area at the Moores School, and is also highly active internationally as a conductor, clinician, adjudicator, and lecturer. In the summer of 2013, Weber became the 13th person and 1st woman to receive the Texas Choral Director Association's coveted *Texas Choirmaster Award.*

Under Weber's leadership, *The Moores School Concert Chorale,* which she directs, has established a reputation as one of the world's finest collegiate choirs. They have been a featured choir at multiple state and national conventions. Internationally, *Chorale* ha*s* received acclaim at three prestigious competitions — the *Eisteddfod* in Wales, winning or placing in every category in which they were entered, as well as at the the *Florilége Vocal* in Tours, France. In May of 2013, Dr. Weber led Chorale to a first-place finish as one of only 10 choirs world-wide selected to compete in the famous *International Chamber Choir Competition*in Marktoberdorf, Germany. Comments include "de luxe singing, eliciting admiration and gratitude," "wonderfully elegant and humorous," "sophisticated choir --- expertly prepared and with a finely-tuned corporate ear." She has prepared singers *Da Camera,* for early music orchestras *Ars Lyrica* and *Mercury Houston,* and is also routinely called upon to prepare singers for touring shows, includingJosh Groban*,* NBC's *Clash of the Choirs,* Telemundo's *Latin Grammy's,* and *Star Wars in Concert.*

Weber served seven years as Assistant and, later, Associate Director of the Houston Symphony Chorus, helping prepare major works for renowned conductors including Robert Shaw, Christoph Eschenbach, Roger Wagner, Nicholas McKegan, and Christopher Seaman.

Dr. Weber holds degrees from the University of North Texas, Westminster Choir College (Princeton, NJ), and the University of Houston.