



BETSY COOK WEBER

Chorus Director

Dr. Betsy Cook Weber was appointed director of the Houston Symphony Chorus in 2014. Under her leadership, the Chorus has performed more than 200 concerts with repertoire as varied as Brahms' *Ein Deutsches Requiem* and *Video Games Live*. She has collaborated with some of the world's best conductors, including Andrés Orozco-Estrada, Steven Reineke, Michael Krajewski, Jane Glover, Christoph Eschenbach, and Nicholas McGegan. She has led the HSC and HS Chamber Singers on two European tours to the Czech Republic in 2017 and to Poland and Germany in 2019, including a performance at the world-renowned *Bachfest* in Leipzig.

Betsy also serves as a Madison Endowed Professor of Music and director of choral studies at the University of Houston Moores School of Music. There, she teaches a full load of coursework, oversees the large and varied choral area at the Moores School, and is internationally active as a conductor, clinician, adjudicator, and lecturer. In addition to appearances throughout the United States, she looks forward to engagements in the United Kingdom, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Sweden, Czechia, Hungary, and Germany in the coming year.

The University of Houston Moores School Concert Chorale, which she directs, has established a reputation as one of the world's finest collegiate choirs and has been a featured choir at multiple state (2002, 2005, 2008, 2013, 2017) and national conventions (ACDA 2007, 2017, NCCO 2017). Internationally, Chorale has received acclaim at six prestigious competitions in Wales, France, Germany, Hungary, and Italy, winning or placing in every category in which it was entered. In 2015, *Musica mundi*, in its ranking of the top 1000 choirs in the world, placed UH Concert Chorale #1 in its age category and #3 among all choirs worldwide.

In 2013, Betsy became the 13th person and first woman to receive the Texas Choral Director Association's coveted Texas Choirmaster Award. She holds degrees from the University of North Texas, Westminster Choir College (Princeton, NJ), and the University of Houston.