

TO: Mississippi Collegiate Choral Directors  
FROM: Don Trott  
RE: 2024 Mississippi Collegiate Honor Choir Conductor Announcement  
TODAY: July 6, 2023

Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to provide the following information about the **2024 MSACDA COLLEGIATE HONOR CHOIR** to be held again as part of the proceedings of our annual state conference in Hattiesburg. Please note that our upcoming 2024 conference will be held in JANUARY! We will rehearse on **Wednesday, January 17 and Thursday, January 18** with our performance on the evening concert session on Thursday.

In keeping with our desire to have “choral legends” as clinician/conductors (Eph Ehly in 2019, Jerry McCoy in 2022, and Jerry Blackstone in 2023), I am thrilled to announce that **LYNNE GACKLE** will be our 2024 conductor.

**Lynne Gackle** recently announced her retirement from as Director of Choral Activities at Baylor University where she held the Mary Jane Gibbs Professor of Music Chair. She conducted Baylor Bella Voce, Baylor Concert Choir, taught choral conducting, choral literature and served as the Director of the Ensemble Division. Prior to her Baylor appointment, Lynne taught at the University of South Florida, University of Mississippi and the University of Miami (FL). She received her education from LSU (BME) and the University of Miami (MM/PhD) in Coral Gables, FL. She is an active clinician and conductor and has held various positions within the American Choral Directors Association, including President, Southern Division and ACDA-Florida and currently serves as the National President. She also served as the TCDA-VP of Collegiate/Community Choirs. Gackle is the editor of *Choral Artistry for the Singer* (Walton Music/GIA) and the Lynne Gackle Choral Series (Colla Voce). Recognized for her research on the female adolescent voice, Lynne is the author of *Finding Ophelia's Voice, Opening Ophelia's Heart* (Heritage) and is a contributing author for other books published by GIA, Oxford, and Hal Leonard/McGraw Hill. She holds memberships in ACDA, TMEA, TCDA, and NATS. She and her husband, Merlin, reside in Woodway, TX.

Registration information will be sent out in early August. **The deadline for the submission of the registration forms will be November 17, 2023.**

Have a wonderful summer!

Don Trott