

Richard George Nickerson
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- **Graduate** of the University of Missouri – Kansas City (DMA) and University of Maine (MM, BME)
- **Director of Choral Music Windham High School**, 1987-present
- **Artistic Director** – Maine Music Society, 2020-present
- **Supervising Teacher** to over 30 student teachers and interns
- **Minister of Music**-North Windham Union Church, 2009-2020
- **Conductor and Artistic Director** - Boy Singers of Maine, 2001-2009
- **Courses taught** at St. Joseph's College, University of Southern Maine and University of Maine
- **Chorus Master** – Portland Symphony Orchestra-Magic of Christmas, 2007-2014
- **District Coordinator** – Windham / Raymond Schools K-12 Music
- **President** - Maine Chapter of the American Choral Directors Association (2 terms)
- **Repertoire and Standards Chair** for Ethnic and Multi-Cultural Perspective (ACDA)
- **Choral Vice President** - Maine Music Educators Association
- **Guest Conductor** for over 100 music festivals representing 18 US states, 4 Canadian provinces and 8 European countries
- **Clinician** presenting 27 **workshops** at professional conferences in 12 states
- **Courses taught** in music theory, music history, music industry, guitar, conducting and vocal pedagogy
- **Most Inspirational Teacher** - Presidential Scholar, 2013
- **Two Time Quarterfinalist, Top-10 Finalist** - Music Educator Grammy Award
- **Choral Director of Note** - *Choral Director Magazine*, 2009
- **Distinguished Choral Director of the Year** - Maine ACDA, 2007
- **Outstanding Teacher Award** -University of Maine, 2006
- Invitation to perform at 15 professional conferences
- **Outstanding Teacher** - *Teaching Music Journal*, 2000
- **Maine Music Educator of the Year 1996**
- Windham Chamber Singers awarded the **Prize of Vienna** at the *International Youth & Music Festival* in Vienna, Austria, 1996
- Elected to **Pi Kappa Lambda**
- Runner-up for **Maine Teacher of the Year**, 1991
- **Leader** of **62 student tours** (43 domestic, 19 international)
- Recorded **4 Studio albums** (Pine Point Records)
- **Founder** of *American Family Holiday* Concerts
- Performances for 3 US Presidents
- **Commissioned and premiered** 24 new choral works
- **Published composer** represented by 3 publishers
- Collaborations with legendary musicians including Noel-Paul Stookey, Mandy Gonzalez, , Celtic Tenors, Josh Groban, Andy Williams, Kenny Rogers, Jodi Benson, Norm Lewis, Sutton Foster and many others.
- **Faculty Advisor** to Tri-M Music Honor Society
- Former students have been awarded 37 Bachelor's Degrees, 15 Master's and 5 Doctorate's in Music
- Member of *American Choral Directors Association, Maine Music Educators Association, Choral Canada, United Church of Christ Musician's Association* and *National Association for Music Education*
- *Music with a Mission* Concert Series Founding **Committee Member and Spokesperson**. 2013-2020

