



Junior High School SATB Honor Choir: Ms. Mary Biddlecombe

Mary Biddlecombe is Director of the Vanderbilt Blair Academy, and the Artistic Director of Vanderbilt Youth Choirs where she oversees six graded youth choirs. In addition to her work with the Blair Academy, she teaches collegiate courses in music education and choral literature and conducts the Vanderbilt University Singers.

Biddlecombe is a specialist in children's voices, particularly middle school and secondary choral settings. She is in demand as an adjudicator and clinician presenting numerous interest sessions for music educators. She has conducted all-state choruses for Alabama, Florida, and Georgia as well as regional honor choirs in ten states. In 2022 she served as co-conductor of the UCTB Honor Choir for the Southern Region American Choral Directors Association Conference as well as the Children's Choir Clinician for the Montreat Music & Worship Conference. In 2024, Biddlecombe will conduct the Children's Honor Choir for the Southwest Region ACDA Conference and all-state choirs in California, Florida, Kentucky, New Jersey, and North Carolina. Choirs under her direction have performed for

conventions of the American Choral Directors Association and have toured nationally and internationally. Vanderbilt Youth Choirs also frequently collaborate with the Nashville Symphony Orchestra with recent projects including two Mahler symphonies, John Adams' *On the Transmigration of Souls*, Britten's *War Requiem*, and Orff's *Carmina Burana* in Prague, CZ with the Nashville Symphony Chorus.

Biddlecombe is a native of Syracuse NY and holds a Master of Music in Choral Conducting from the Florida State University, and a Bachelor of Music Education from the Crane School Music at SUNY Potsdam. Mary makes her home in Nashville with her husband Dr. Tucker Biddlecombe, Director of Choral Activities at Vanderbilt.