

AUSTRALIA: Sydney & Cairns August 1-10, 2019 (based on double occupancy) (career ENRICHMENT Music Education Journey

Home to the world's oldest surviving culture, Australia is a nation where more than 226 languages are spoken in homes. Their rich diversity is reflected in local foods, festivals, and religious practices. From urban coastlines with spectacular, world-renowned beaches to rolling miles of wine-producing vineyards, to one of the seven natural wonders of the world —the Great Barrier Reef—Australia is a country you will fall in love with from the minute you arrive

### **Program Highlights**

- 7 nights / 10-day journey through Australia
- Cross a visit to the Sydney Opera House off your bucket list with a private backstage tour behind the scenes.
- **Accompanying guest program** alternate activities will be provided for those who do not wish to attend the meetings.
- An optional Great Barrier Reef extension in Cairns will be offered.

#### **Professional Focus**

- The primary professional objective of this journey is meaningful interaction and collaboration with a focus on **music education curriculum**, discussions on access to band and choral classes in schools, and an exchange of knowledge with your counterparts.
- Explore the traditional music of Australia while visiting and interacting with teachers in the **Aboriginal communities**.
- Exchange knowledge and discuss challenges in education with colleagues in **public and private schools and universities** in Sydney.

#### **Cultural Immersion**

- Take part in an Aboriginal art workshop to paint your own boomerang under the guidance of acclaimed Aboriginal artist, Brian "Binna" Swindley. Binna will provide insight into indigenous art history and techniques and share stories about their people.
- Enjoy a **dreamtime gorge walk** through the rainforest along easy graded tracks, past traditional bark shelters and over cool rainforest streams. Your experienced interpretive Indigenous guides will demonstrate traditional plant use, share dreamtime legends, explain the history of cave paintings and provide an enchanting narrative of the rainforest and their special relationships within this unique environment.

# Leader: Lynn Brinckmeyer | Professor, Texas State University

Lynn is the former president of the National Association for Music Education (formerly MENC) and a seasoned group leader. She is a Professor of Music and Director of Choral Music Education at Texas State University. Lynn is also director of the Texas State Women's Choir and director/co-founder of the Hill Country Youth Chorus.







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