



Mark Daniel Merritt

Mark Daniel Merritt is a Choral Director and an ASCAP composer and arranger. The recipient of numerous commissions, Merritt received a major commission in 2007 funded by the Kentucky Arts Council and the Catlettsburg, Kentucky Leadership Club, to compose the score to the musical play *River Dreams*, which had its world premiere that year in Ashland, Kentucky. From 2002 to 2012, Merritt was Associate Director and then Director of VOCE Choral Ensemble, an auditioned choral group in Mount Airy, North Carolina that he helped to found. From 2012 to 2015, Merritt was the Minister of Music at Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit in San Antonio, Texas, where he greatly expanded the quality and size of the music ministry as the church moved from “mission” to “parish” status. Groups under Merritt's direction have performed his music at the North Carolina Music Educators Conference, the Biltmore Estate, historic Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg, Virginia and the Texas Collegiate Women's Choir Festival. Merritt completed a Master of Music degree in Choral Music under Dr. John Silantien at the University of Texas at San Antonio, and is currently pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting at USC.