

2016 All-National Honor Ensembles- Symphony Orchestra Conductor



As one of the most active and versatile symphonic conductors in America today, (Minneapolis Star-Tribune), critics praise **William LaRue Jones** as possessing a unique ability to work effectively with musicians of all levels. Invitations include a wide array of orchestras on five continents with engagements ranging from the Minnesota Orchestra and the Minneapolis Pops to symphonies in Penang and Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Antofagasta (Chile), Sydney and Brisbane (Australia), Lucerne (Switzerland), Belem (Brazil) to Shanghai and Beijing (China). Educationally, Dr. Jones has conducted more than 100 All-State orchestras with additional festivals/clinics in each of the 50 states and Canadian provinces. He is the Founder and Artistic Director of the Conductor's Workshop of America, and has been on the conducting faculty for the League of American Orchestras and the International Workshops. He has presented additional conducting workshops throughout America, Norway, Scotland, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Japan, Singapore, China, and Australia. Presently, Dr. Jones is Director of Orchestral Studies at the University of Iowa, where he teaches graduate conducting and is conductor of orchestras and opera. In Addition, he is Music Director/Conductor of the Ottumwa Symphony Orchestra. A Texas native, he is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, the University of Iowa, and Kansas State University with additional studies at Juilliard School of Music and University of North Texas.