

Frances Fonza

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Mixed Choir

Frances Fonza is the Visiting Director of Choral Activities at the University of Central Arkansas where she teaches undergraduate and graduate conducting, choral literature, and conducts the Concert Choir and Chamber Singers. Fonza earned a bachelor's degree in music education at the University of Missouri-Columbia, a master's degree in music education, and a doctorate in music education/choral conducting at Florida State University.



Most recently Dr. Fonza served on the faculty at Stephen F. Austin State University and Tarleton State University, both in Texas and was the Director of Worship and Arts at Mt. Ennon Baptist Church in Maryland. Dr. Fonza taught choral music at the middle school and high school levels in Kentucky and was the choir director and a sight singing teacher at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts in Washington DC. Additionally, Dr. Fonza served as Assistant Professor of Music Education and Director of Choral Activities at Wittenberg University in Ohio. Choirs under her direction have participated in state, regional, and national music festivals.

Fonza is an active singer, clinician, and adjudicator. A frequent guest conductor, she has conducted all state, honor, public school, and church choirs. Her research interests are community partnerships, healthy singing in Gospel music, and tone building strategies used in the choral classroom. She holds professional memberships in the National Association for Music Educators and the American Choral Directors Association.