



Christy Elsner—Children's Choir Conductor

Christy Elsner, a native Kansan, is the founder and Artistic Director of the Allegro Community Children's Choir. Under her direction, Allegro has blossomed from one choir of 38 to over 150 singers in three choirs, grades 3-12. The choirs have performed by invitation for South West American Choral Directors Association, Kansas Choral Directors Association, and Kansas Music Educators National Conference conventions and have toured nationally and internationally. The choirs are frequent guests with the Kansas City Symphony. Mrs. Elsner is an active clinician for children's, youth, and treble choirs and frequently gives workshops on her innovative rehearsals and unusual teaching tools. She is the recipient the Outstanding Middle Level Educator by the Kansas Music Educators Association. She recently completed Level III Certification from the Choral Music Experience under instructor Cheryl Dupont. She is the current SWACDA Children's Choir R & S Chair. For seven years, she served on the Kansas Choral Directors Association's Board as the Repertoire & Standards Children's Choir Co-chair and helped develop and organize the successful KCDA Children's Honor Choir. She was the 1995 recipient of the Kansas Choral Directors Association's Award for Outstanding Young Conductor. She graduated from the University of Kansas in with a degree in Music Education and received the Marcus E. Hahn Award for Outstanding Senior Music Education Student from the KU faculty. Her professional memberships include MENC, ACME, Chorister's Guild, Chorus America, and the American Choral Directors Association. Christy and her husband, Sean, stay busy with their children: Chandler, Chase, and Carlee.