

## WHY JOIN ICDA?

The mission of the American Choral Directors Association is to inspire excellence in choral music through education, performance, composition, and advocacy. Residents of Indiana who join ACDA also become members of the Indiana chapter, the Indiana Choral Directors Association (ICDA). All Indiana members receive copies of Choral Journal (the ACDA national magazine), Resound (Central Division newsletter) and ICDA Notations (Indiana's newsletter).

The Central Division Conference will be held in February of 2016 in Chicago. It will feature headliner Ola Gjeilo, VOCES8, and the WebernKammerchor. It's a great opportunity to listen to performances of choirs from the 4-state division: Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois in the beautiful Palmer Hilton.

One of ICDA's primary functions is to promote high quality singing in the schools of the state, including through the Indiana All-State Honor Choir. This 250-voice SATB ensemble will perform at the state music conference in Fort Wayne in January 2016 under the direction of Dr. Anton Armstrong St. Olaf College in Northfield Minnesota. Contact ICDA All-State Chair Anissa Bradley ([agbdiva@psci.net](mailto:agbdiva@psci.net)) for information – information is available on the [www.in-acda.org](http://www.in-acda.org) site as well.

The next ICDA state summer conference will take place in June 2016, along with the rehearsals and performance of the Indiana All-State Vocal Jazz Ensemble, all held at the University of Indianapolis. It is being planned by President-Elect Dennis Malfatti, and will feature Joe Miller of Ryder University as one of our headliners. Watch for information on the web site – registration will start in April 2016.

Why join? To improve as a choral director; to attend conferences and workshops which will help you to be a better director; to help your singers to be part of the outstanding groups which are part of ICDA; and to meet with and socialize with colleagues from Indiana and across the nation. Join at [www.acda.org](http://www.acda.org) or [www.in-acda.org](http://www.in-acda.org) Please feel free to contact your current ICDA officers with any questions:

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