

## **Biographical Sketch**

### **Craig Duensing – PCA Vocal Music Director**

Craig is Fine Arts Director at Richland Northeast High School and Director of Choral Activities, Richland Northeast High School; Adjunct Professor at Columbia International University; Minister of Music, Lugoff First Baptist Church; Adjunct Professor, Columbia International University; former Director of the Tri-District Arts Consortium (Tri-DAC); and former Associate Conductor, Palmetto Mastersingers) He received a BS in Education and an MME from the University of South Carolina and has done post-graduate work at USC and Winthrop University. He was named 1994 Richland Northeast Teacher of the Year and the 1995 Richland Two District Teacher of the Year. In 1999 Mr. Duensing was selected to travel to Japan as a Fulbright Memorial Scholar for a three-week cooperative learning seminar. Mr. Duensing has served as guest clinician and adjudicator at state functions; accompanist for SC All-State Honors Chorus on three occasions; and past instructor in keyboard and music theory for Tri-DAC. His Richland Northeast High School Chorale is a consistent winner in regional festivals – including the 1994 group which took four First Place Awards at the Music Showcase Festival in Nashville, Tennessee. In 2000, Mr. Duensing conducted a 225-voice choir and orchestra in a presentation of Handel's Samson. The 2001, 2003 and 2005 Cavalier Chorale has been selected to perform at EPCOT Center at Walt Disney World.