

Mark Hayes Bio
Composer/Conductor
Born March 28, 1953, Ladysmith, Wisconsin

Mark Hayes is an award-winning concert pianist, composer, arranger and conductor. His personal catalog, totaling over 1,000 published works, includes work for solo voice, solo piano, multiple pianos, orchestra, jazz combo, small instrumental ensembles, and choruses of all kinds. Mark received a Bachelor of Music degree summa cum laude in Piano Performance from Baylor University in 1975. He has conducted the SWACDA and MCDA Community and Church Honor Choir, and served as guest conductor at Carnegie Hall, featuring his *Te Deum* and *Magnificat*. In 2010, Baylor University Center for Christian Music Studies awarded Mark the Award for Exemplary Leadership in Christian Music. Mark arranged and orchestrated the music for *Civil War Voices*, which won six awards including "Best Musical" in the 2010 Midtown International Theatre Festival in New York. He conducted the world premiere of his work for chorus, orchestra and narrator, *The American Spirit*, at Lincoln Center in May 2011 and the world premiere of his *Requiem* in Lincoln Center in May 2013.

In addition to his involvement in the sacred and secular choral music fields, Hayes is an accomplished orchestrator and record producer. The album, *I've Just Seen Jesus*, which Mark arranged, orchestrated and co-produced, received the Dove Award for *Praise and Worship Album of the Year* in 1986. In June 2010 Mark released his first CD of original songs titled *All Is Well*, featuring Kansas City jazz artist, Monique Danielle.

Whether concertizing on the other side of the globe or composing at his home in Kansas City, Missouri, Mark is blessed to live out his mission "to create beautiful music for the world".