

Dr. Gwyn Richards

Dean, Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University

Opening Plenary

Sunday, July 14 – 12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Now the leader of one of the world's foremost musical education institutions, **Gwyn Richards** received a Bachelor of Music Education degree in 1973 and a Master of Music in Choral Conducting degree in 1974, both from the University of Michigan. In 1975, he was selected as one of 12 conductors for the NEA Conducting Workshop, receiving the opportunity to conduct the Saint Paul Orchestra. At this workshop, he was advised by Margaret Hillis, Otto-Werner Mueller, and Alfred Mann to study with Julius Herford at the Indiana University School of Music.

Dean Richards served as director of Choral Activities at McGill University in Montreal. From 1980-1986, he was the Assistant Dean of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Rice University, where he started a master's program in choral conducting. He then went on to serve as Associate Dean of Music and Associate Professor of Choral Music at the University of Southern California.

In 1992, he returned to the IU School of Music as Director of Admissions, eventually becoming the Associate Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid. In July 2001 he was appointed as Dean, after serving as Interim Dean since 1999.