



2025 All-State Chorus Conductor Dr. Nicole C. Lamartine

Dr. Nicole C. Lamartine serves as Director of Choirs at Central Washington University, where she acts on her values of empowering the next generation of choral educators and cultivating excellence in 21st century choral performance. She conducts the well-known CWU Chamber Choir, Vox Divina, and teaches courses in conducting, voice, and choral music education at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Since 2022, the CWU Chamber Choir under Dr. La's leadership has performed at the 2024 NW ACDA Conference and at the 2024 Washington Music Educators conference. They have published six videos on YouTube, and premiered five new works from Cristian Grases, Forrest Pierce, and André Thomas.

As a clinician and guest conductor of four international honor choirs, fifteen All-State choirs, the 2014 NW ACDA TTBB Honor Choir, and numerous regional honor choirs, Dr. La seeks to positively impact choral musicians all over the world. She recently was headlining clinician and conductor of the 8th International Intensive Seminar of Choral Conducting in Costa Rica in February 2024 and conducted the 2023 Idaho International Choral Festival High School Honor Choir. She is slated to conduct the Southern Division ACDA SSAA Honor Choir in 2026. An avid champion for music education, Dr. La has headlined conferences of the Association for Music in International Schools (Hong Kong), Washington Music Educators Association, and Montana Music Educators Association (in 2025). She headlined the 2024 Utah ACDA Summer Conference and was the clinician in residence for the 2024 WI ACDA Next Direction conference for college and high school choral musicians. Dr. Lamartine's research focuses on rehearsal technique and anatomy and movement for conductors, and she is in-demand as leader of choir retreats and teacher in-services.

Prior to her appointment at CWU, Dr. La held Director positions at University of California, Santa Barbara (2020-2022), the University of Wyoming (2008-2020), and the University of Northern Iowa. Her choirs were honored to sing at several national and regional conferences of ACDA, NCCO and NAFME. She is a recognized expert in females conducting tenor/bass choirs.

She conducts the American Prize© - winning Chor Anno (Vancouver, WA) and she is also the founding Artistic Director of the Santa Barbara Gay Men's Chorus. An active performer, Dr. La has sung professionally with Conspirare, the Santa Fe Desert Chorale, and Colorado Bach Ensemble.

She has served the American Choral Directors Association as President of the Northwestern region. She achieved world, national, and state records in powerlifting, demonstrating that creativity is intertwined with strength of body and mind. The "Nicole Lamartine Choral Series" is published with Santa Barbara Music Press.