

Walter Huff, Chorus Master

Atlanta Opera Debut: *Tosca*, 1988

Walter Huff has been Chorus Master for The Atlanta Opera for twenty-two years. Mr. Huff studied piano with Sarah Martin, Peter Takacs and Lillian Freundlich. He has performed with singers throughout Europe and the United States and served as coach with the Peabody Opera Theatre, The Washington Opera, and Baltimore Opera Company.

Mr. Huff has performed in master classes given by renowned singers and pianists such as Sir Peter Pears, Licia Albanese, Eileen Farrell, Dalton Baldwin, Leon Fleisher, and Elly Ameling. In 1984, he received Tanglewood's C.D. Jackson Master Award for Excellence, presented by Seiji Ozawa and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

He has been musical director for The Atlanta Opera Studio, Georgia State University Opera, and Actor's Express. Also, Mr. Huff was one of four Atlanta artists who were chosen for the first Loridans Arts Awards, given to Atlanta artists who have made exceptional contributions to the arts life of Atlanta over a long period of time.

In 2008, The Atlanta Opera Chorus under Mr. Huff's direction sang critically acclaimed performances of *Porgy and Bess* at the Opéra-Comique in Paris and on tour in Granada, Normandy, and Luxembourg.

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