

# THE ATLANTA OPERA

## WALTER HUFF, CHORUS MASTER

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Walter Huff has been chorus master of The Atlanta Opera Chorus for 25 years. He has prepared the Chorus for more than 90 productions, receiving critical acclaim in the United States and abroad. Along with his duties at The Atlanta Opera, Huff was recently appointed to the choral faculty at Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, serving for a year as adjunct associate professor and faculty director of choruses before being appointed to a tenure-track associate professor position in 2013.

From Gluck's *Orfeo ed Euridice* to a staged version of *Carmina burana* and appearances at the Olympic Cultural Olympiad (1996), The Atlanta Opera Chorus has continually received national and international attention. In 2008, the Chorus, under Huff's direction, sang over 20 performances of *Porgy and Bess* at the Opéra-Comique in Paris and on tour in Spain, Normandy, and Luxembourg.

Last year, at the Jacobs School of Music, he led the Indiana University Opera Choruses to critical and audience acclaim, in performances of *Don Giovanni*, *The Merry Widow* and *Akhmaten*.

He has worked as a vocal coach for Washington National Opera, Peabody Opera Theater, and in his own studio in Atlanta. He was acting chorus master for San Diego Opera in 2011. Huff served on the faculty at Georgia State University for four years as assistant professor, guest lecturer and conductor of the Georgia State University Choral Society.

For the past four years, Huff has been music director for The Atlanta Opera High School Opera Institute, a unique nine-month training program for talented, classically trained high school singers.

Huff received his music degrees from the Oberlin and Peabody Conservatories.