

## Laura Farnell:



Laura Farnell has a passion for making music with singers, working with educators, and creating accessible and artistic choral compositions. After graduating summa cum laude from Baylor University with her BME in Choral Music (with a piano emphasis), Laura taught public school for ten years at the elementary and junior high levels. She was honored by her schools with Teacher of the Year awards in 2000 and 2003, and she received an Excellence in Education Award in 2004 as the Arlington ISD's outstanding junior high teacher of the year.

Laura presently lives in Arlington, Texas, and serves as an invited clinician for district, region, and state honor choirs across the country. She also presents workshops and reading sessions for choir directors at both district and state levels. She has served as a clinician for middle school state-wide honor choirs in Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, and North Carolina, and has worked with various other elementary through high-school aged honor choirs or invited choirs in Arkansas, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Virginia. She has presented at music conferences in Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin. As a composer, she especially enjoys writing and arranging music for developing choirs. She is represented by several music publishers, such as Alliance, BriLee, Carl Fischer, and Hal Leonard, which features the Laura Farnell Choral series. She has more than eighty choral compositions, including many commissioned pieces, as well as a co-authored beginning sight singing method book in publication.

She is a member of the Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Choral Directors Association, the Texas Music Adjudicators' Association, and The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. She and her husband, Russell, and their two sons, attend First Presbyterian Church of Arlington where Russell serves as Minister of Music and Laura directs the children's choirs.