

Deborah A. Cunningham is a vocal and general music educator at Jamesville-Dewitt Middle School, where she conducts the Fifth and Sixth Grade Choruses as well as the Women's Chorus. She is the Associate Director of the internationally acclaimed Syracuse Children's Chorus, Organist and Cherub Choir Director at Christ Episcopal Church in Manlius, NY, and Affiliate Artist in Music Education at Syracuse University. Ms. Cunningham holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Music Education, and a Master's degree in performance from Syracuse University, where she is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Teaching and Curriculum. She has completed all three levels and a masterclass in Orff Schulwerk Teacher Training, all three levels of Kodály Teacher Training, and levels I and II of Choral Music Experience.

In her capacity as an Orff Schulwerk Specialist and Choral Conductor, Ms. Cunningham has been a guest clinician for various school districts, colleges, universities, and conferences, including the American Orff Schulwerk Association National Conference, the New York State School Music Association Winter Conference, and the New York State Middle School Association. She has been guest conductor for various elementary all-city, all county, and area all-state choruses, and currently serves as Past President of the Greater Rochester American Orff Schulwerk Association. In 2007 she was awarded the *Syracuse Symphony Musician's Award for Outstanding Music Educator* in the Classroom/General Music category.

Active as a collaborative pianist in the Syracuse area, Ms. Cunningham has performed with the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra, the Syracuse Opera Company, the Skaneateles Festival, as well as many local theatre companies.