



## MACK WILBERG

### *Music Director*

Mack Wilberg was appointed music director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir on March 28, 2008. Prior to this appointment, he served as associate music director of the Choir and conductor of the Temple Square Chorale. He was appointed to those positions in May 1999.

As music director, Dr. Wilberg oversees all musical and creative aspects of the Choir, the Orchestra at Temple Square, the Temple Square Chorale and the Bells on Temple Square, including selecting repertoire for concerts, recordings and tours, and providing the creative direction for the weekly *Music and the Spoken Word* broadcast. He is also involved with selecting and training new Choir members. He, along with the Choir president, Mac Christensen, represents the Choir at public functions.

He is a former Professor of Music at Brigham Young University and is active as a composer, arranger, guest conductor and clinician throughout the United States and abroad. His compositions and arrangements are performed and recorded by choral organizations throughout the world. In addition to the many compositions he has written for the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, his works have most recently been performed by such artists as Renee Fleming, Frederica von Stade, Bryn Terfel, the King's Singers, Audra McDonald, Brian Stokes Mitchell, and narrators Walter Cronkite and Edward Herrmann.

Dr. Wilberg received his bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University and his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Southern California.

He and his wife, Rebecca, are parents of four children.



**RYAN MURPHY**  
*Associate Music Director*

Ryan Murphy was appointed associate music director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir on March 27, 2009. As associate music director, Murphy is responsible to assist Mack Wilberg, music director, with the Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square in rehearsals, concerts, tours and the weekly broadcast of *Music and the Spoken Word*. He also serves as the conductor of the Temple Square Chorale, the preparatory ensemble for new singers in choir service.

Murphy has extensive choral conducting and professional musical theater experience. Prior to his appointment, he conducted six choirs in the Boston area, including two choirs at the prestigious New England Conservatory of Music. He served for four years as the choral director at the Walnut Hill School for the Arts, an internationally recognized secondary school affiliated with the New England Conservatory. He was the music director for the Tuachan theatre in St. George, Utah area from 2005 to 2007 following five seasons at the Sundance Institute in Provo, Utah. While in Boston, he maintained an active performing schedule, including recent collaborations at the Tanglewood Summer Festival.

Murphy graduated from Brigham Young University with a degree in piano and organ performance and pedagogy. He also has a master's degree in choral conducting from Brigham Young University and a doctorate in choral conducting from Boston University. He and his wife, Jennifer, have three children.



**MAC CHRISTENSEN**  
*Choir President*

Mac Christensen, founder of a men's clothing chain, has served for many years in various Church positions as well as on the boards of directors for businesses and community organizations. Named president in November 2000, he manages the operations, staff, marketing and administrative components of the Choir's worldwide assignments. He and his wife, Joan, have eight children, 37 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.