

Dr. Susan Brumfield

Full-Length Biography

Dr. Susan Brumfield is Professor of Music Education at Texas Tech University, and holds a Ph.D. in Music Education from the University of Oklahoma. She is known throughout the United States and Europe as a clinician, consultant, author, composer, arranger and choral conductor. Dr. Brumfield is the author *Jean Ritchie's Kentucky Mother Goose*, a book and CD memoir with American folk legend Jean Ritchie, which features rare and never-before-seen illustrations by Maurice Sendak.

Other publications include *Hot Peas and Barley-O: Children's Songs and Games from Scotland* and *Over the Garden Wall: Children's Songs and Games from England*. Dr. Brumfield is currently working on *Giro Giro Tondo: Children's Songs and Games from Italy*. She is a contributing author for John Jacobson's *Music Express Magazine* and McGraw Hill's *Music Studio*.

An internationally recognized expert in the Kodály approach, Dr. Brumfield is the author of *First, We Sing! Kodály-Inspired Teaching in the Music Classroom* (Hal Leonard), a set of Kodály-based curriculum and resource materials for K-5 music. This comprehensive series includes *the Teacher's Guide, Teaching Strategies for Primary Grades, Teaching Strategies for Intermediate Grades, Practice Activities for Rhythmic and Melodic Elements* and *First, We Sing: Songbooks One* and *Songbook Two*. Forthcoming volumes include *Songbook Three, Active Listening in the Music Classroom* and *Songs for Reading and Writing*. Other ancillary materials include applications for interactive whiteboard, student workbooks and classroom materials.

Founder and Artistic Director of The West Texas Children's Chorus, Dr. Brumfield is also in frequent demand throughout the world as a commissioned composer and guest conductor. Her choral music is published with Hal Leonard Music, Colla Voce Music and BriLee/Carl Fischer, and includes more than forty titles. With four choirs consisting of singers from Kindergarten through college, the West Texas Children's Chorus

organization serves children throughout the South Plains area, and serves as a teaching lab for TTU Music Education students. In addition to performances with the Texas Tech University Choirs, the Lubbock Chorale and the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra, the choirs have performed at the Texas Music Educators' Conference, national conferences of the Organization of American Kodály Educators and the American Orff Schulwerk Association, and has been featured in concerts at Carnegie Hall and other prestigious venues in NYC. The choir travels throughout the US on its bi-annual tours.

Dr. Brumfield was honored in both 2012 and 2014 with the Texas Tech University College of Visual and Performing Arts Award for Outstanding Research, and as a two-time finalist for the President's Book Award. In 2015, Dr. Brumfield was the recipient of the Louisiana Tech University Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award.

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