

Brenda E. Austin is a dynamic and energetic conductor, clinician, and composer, connecting musicians through handbells. She has served as the artistic director of the Detroit Handbell Ensemble (DHE) since 2016. Under her baton, DHE was honored to open the Handbell Musicians of America (HMA) National Seminar in 2018 and to be the featured concert for HMA's Area 2 2019 Festival in Lancaster, PA. In 2019, Brenda also joined the team at Hope Publishing Company in Carol Stream, IL as the editor in charge of the handbell catalog. Additionally, she has served First United Methodist Church in Eaton Rapids, MI, as director of music, leading several handbell ensembles, a praise band, and worship, since 2003. She is also active in the community directing children's musical theatre.

Brenda graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree in vocal performance from Western Michigan University and a Master of Music in choral conducting from the University of Missouri – Kansas City. She has studied with Craig Arnold, Steve Zegree, and Eph Ehly.

Brenda is in demand as a handbell clinician throughout the year and has been the conductor and clinician at numerous festivals and workshops including HMA National Seminars and festivals for HMA Areas 4, 5 and 11. Additionally, she has had more than 70 titles published for handbells since 2015.

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