

## **About the Director**



Mr. Carl Rieke graduated from St. Olaf College (Northfield, Minnesota) in 1997 receiving his Bachelor of Arts in Music Education. He received his Masters Degree in Instrumental Conducting from Georgia State University in 2003.

Mr. Rieke has served as the music director at the Red Wing Theater Company in Red Wing, Minnesota. He has also performed with a variety of orchestras, including the Mankato Symphony Orchestra, the Owatonna Chamber Orchestra, the New Ulm Civic Orchestra, and the Southern Crescent Orchestra where he served as concertmaster for one year. He is currently in his fourth year as an assistant conductor with the Southern Crescent Symphony Orchestra.

From 1999 until 2006, Mr. Rieke was Director of Orchestras at Shiloh High School in Gwinnett County. While teaching in Gwinnett, he was the co-conductor of the Gwinnett County Youth Symphony for six years. Under Mr. Rieke's direction, the Shiloh High School Chamber Orchestra and Gwinnett County Youth Symphony performed at the Georgia Music Educator's Association state conference. Mr. Rieke currently teaches at Ola Middle School and Ola High School in Henry County.

Mr. Rieke has had the privilege to conduct numerous orchestra camps and clinics, including the Encore music camp in Atlanta, the University of Georgia Music Camp, the ASTA summer camp, the Gwinnett Tapestry Festival, The Clayton County Honor Clinic and the New Ulm, MN Suzuki Pops camp. He has also been a guest conductor of the Gwinnett Philharmonic Orchestra. In 2009 he conducted one of the Alabama All-State Orchestras.

Mr. Rieke has served as Secretary for the Georgia Chapter of the American String Teachers Association (ASTA). He also serves as an adjudicator at orchestra festivals and competitions around metro-Atlanta. Mr. Rieke has been a Georgia All-State Orchestra organizing chair from 2001 to 2007 and served as the Georgia Music Educator's Association Orchestra division chair from 2007 to 2009.

Mr. Rieke resides in Stockbridge, Georgia, with his wife Stacy and five-year old son, David.