



MAESTRO JOSEPH EUNKWAN CHOI currently serving as Music Director of Sunnysdale Adventist Academy (MO), Assistant Conductor with Missouri Academy of Music Virtuosi Orchestra and Principal Guest conductor with the Jefferson City Symphony Orchestra (MO). In the past, he served as Assistant Conductor of Evansville Philharmonic (IN), Asheville Symphony (NC) and Associate Conductor of Owensboro Symphony (KY) where he also served as Music Director and Conductor of Owensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra (KY), Evansville Philharmonic Youth Orchestra (IN), Pocono Youth Symphony Orchestra (PA) and Loudoun Symphony Youth Orchestra (VA) where his orchestra programs have flourished under his leadership.

Since COVID-19, Maestro Choi moved to Missouri where he serves as Music Director of Sunnysdale Adventist Academy and serves as assistant conductor of Missouri Academy of Music “Virtuoso” Orchestra and chamber music coach working alongside Maestro Kirk Trevor. Maestro Choi received his undergraduate music studies in Trumpet and conducting (BA) from Southern Adventist University in TN, where he served as Assistant Conductor of SAU Symphony and was selected as 2009 SAU Alumnus of the Year. Upon graduating from college, Mr. Choi served

as Assistant Conductor of Asheville Symphony (NC) under Dr. Robert Hart Baker and served as Music Director of Fletcher Academy in Fletcher, NC. During this time, he founded Fletcher Chamber Orchestra. His past denominational music director positions include Thunderbird Adventist Academy (AZ), Valley Grande Adventist Academy (TX), Highland View Academy (MD) and Fletcher Academy (NC).

Maestro Choi is a Southern Adventist University Alumni where he completed his BA in Music with emphasis in Conducting and Trumpet in 1995. Also, in 2009, he was chosen as SAU Alumni of the Year and served as Assistant Conductor of Southern Adventist University Symphony Orchestra under Dr. Orlo Gilbert’s leadership.

Maestro Choi continued his graduate studies (MM) in Orchestral Conducting from the University of Hartford (Hartt School of Music) with Maestro Harold Faberman and served as Graduate Assistant to Dr. Thomas Duffy. He began his DMA (Doctor of Musical Arts) program in Choral Conducting at the University of Maryland at College Park where he was full-scholarship Doctoral Graduate Assistant to Dr. Paul Traver and served as Assistant Conductor of both University of Maryland Chorus and Chorale where he sang as tenor soloist with Annapolis Symphony and Mozart’s Vespers of Confessors with University of Maryland Chorus. During this time, he was selected to serve as 2003 Prince George’s All-County Orchestra Director making his conducting Debut at the Kennedy Center Concert Hall in 2003.

Also, in the past, Maestro Choi studied at the Shenandoah University (VA) where he was (DMA) Doctor of Musical Arts Orchestra Conducting major under Maestro Jan Wagner where the orchestra made international tours to Argentina and Spain during his time with the Shenandoah Conservatory Symphony and conducted Shostakovich Symphony No. 5 and many more big works. In the past, he conducted Daejeon Philharmonic Orchestra (Korea), Astoria Symphony, Knoxville Chamber Orchestra, East Texas Symphony, Jeju Symphony, Gangneung Symphony (S. Korea), Bohuslav Martinu Philharmonic (Czech Republic), Beethoven Chamber Orchestra (Czech Republic), Lisboa Metropolitan Orchestra (Portugal), St. Petersburg Congress Orchestra (Russia), the University of Maryland Symphony, Hartt Symphony Orchestra, Southern Adventist University Symphony Orchestra, and his conducting debut at the Carnegie Hall conducting Oakwood University Aeolian Choir along with a 70 piece professional orchestra.

In 2003, Maestro Choi made his Kennedy Center Concert Hall Debut conducting Prince-George’s All-County Orchestra (MD) to a sold-out event and this same year, he was chosen as one of two finalists with US Army Band, one of seven finalists with US Air Force Band and was also chosen as one of three finalists with New Jersey Symphony Youth Orchestra and Delaware Youth Orchestra programs. Maestro Choi studied conducting privately with Maestro Kirk Trevor since 1993 and has participated in his International conducting workshops in Knoxville, Czech Republic, NYC and Maestro Trevor has since been a mentor to Maestro Choi. Currently, Maestro Choi resides in Centralia, Missouri with his wife Angela (Former Music teacher and now MU Health RN-N

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