

SCOTT BAESEMAN

GRADUATED FROM EDGAR HIGH SCHOOL IN 1986

After graduating from Edgar High School, Scott earned a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education, Opera Performance and Choral Conducting from Viterbo University in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. He then attended DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois and earned a Masters Degree in Opera where he was also inducted into the Pi Kappa Lambda Honorary Music Society. He has been a music educator for 25 years and has served as the Choral Director and Fine Arts Department Chair at Lake Forest Country Day School in Lake Forest, Illinois for the past 18 years.

Mr. Baseman believes that every child has the right to music literacy and appreciation so that they can be life-long participants in and responsible consumers of music. He has been awarded several teaching awards in his career. These have included the Second Century Teaching Chair, Yvonne Banks Caring Teaching Award, James L. Marks III Faculty Merit Award and the Charles E. Leake Master Teacher Sabbatical Award. In 2011, he was named a Teacher of Distinction by the Chicago Golden Apple Foundation. In 2011, he was also the recipient of the Mary Hoffman Illinois Music Teacher of the Year award from the Illinois Music Educators Association. He has been nominated three times for the Music Teacher of the Year Award from the GRAMMY Recording Foundation and in 2014 was a quarter-finalist for the award.

As a composer Mr. Baseman has had his works performed all over the world. Some notable performers who have premiered his works have included the GRAMMY award winning opera star Samuel Ramey and the world acclaimed organist, Margaret Chen.

Mr. Baseman believes in the power of community service, in that giving back to one's community is a responsible thing that everyone should do. In addition to his teaching and composing career, he is a Franciscan Affiliate and regularly serves the City of Highland Park as their resident Police Chaplain.

Scott currently lives in Highland Park, Illinois with his partner D.R. Smith and their two children, Stella and Margaret.