



Susan Finger

Susan Finger is a graduate of Ball State University with a Bachelor's degree in Music Education and Master's Degree in Organ Performance and Church Music. She is currently an Instructor of Music Education at Ball State where she teaches a variety of courses including instrumental tech courses, instrumental methods, field work and supervision of student teachers.

Prior to teaching at Ball State, Mrs. Finger taught middle school band and choir for 34 years in Anderson Community Schools where she won numerous awards during her tenure including the Outstanding Alumnus Award from Ball State University's School of Music, Outstanding Middle School Teacher in Anderson Community Schools, Outstanding Middle School Teacher from the Indiana Middle School Association, Outstanding Middle School Music Teacher from the Indiana Music Educators Association, and Finalist for Teacher of the Year in Indiana.

In 2014 Susan was named "Hoosier Musician" by the Indiana Music Education Association. This award is given to individuals who have provided outstanding service in music education at the local, state and national level. She was also cited for exemplifying outstanding achievement in the field of music education and showing a lifelong commitment to the field of music education.

Mrs. Finger is also the Artistic Director of the Anderson Area Children's Choir & Youth Chorale and conducts the M.S. Chorale and H.S. Youth Chorale. Under Mrs. Finger's direction, the Anderson Area Youth Chorale performed twice at the IMEA State Convention. Her East Side Symphonic Band performed three times at the IMEA State Convention, the North Central Division of the Music Educators National Conference, and the prestigious Mid-West International Band and Orchestra Clinic. The East Side Chorale performed at the IMEA Convention three times.

Susan is Director of Music and Organist at First United Methodist Church in Anderson where she conducts the Sanctuary Choir, Wesley Chorale, King's Men, plays in the Wesley Bell and King's Bells choirs, and oversees all music for the worship service.

Mrs. Finger served as the Choral Conductor for the Indiana Ambassadors of Music on three European tours. The choir performed in England, Germany, France, Austria, Switzerland, and Italy.

Susan has been active in the Indiana Music Education Association for many years. Her roles have included Interim Executive Director, Conference Chair for the state wide conference four times, President for two years, an Officer for six years, and a member of the board for 12 years. She continues to serve as the Chair for the State wide Beginning and Developing Music Teacher workshop in Indiana.

Mrs. Finger has served as a classroom supervisor to more than forty student teachers and has worked with many more field teachers and participants in pre-service teacher training. She is frequently called upon to give presentations and clinics to music education students at various universities. Professional memberships include National Association for Music Educators, IMEA, Phi Beta Mu, Phi Delta Kappa, American Choral Directors

Association, Indiana Choral Directors Association and honorary membership in Sigma Alpha Iota. Susan has been married to Mark for 38 years and they have three grown children.