

Susan Norton-Lead Choreographer

Dr. Susan Norton first began to choreograph for Mr. Medrano in the summer of 2007 when her two daughters joined children's summer choir. That began nearly 20 years of collaboration resulting in show-choir performances in Disneyland, California Adventure, Knott's Berry Farm, Universal Studios, and other local events. She owned and directed Center Stage Productions, a competitive dance company in La Canada, from 1997 to 2012, during which time she also taught English at Los Angeles Lutheran High School. After passing the studio on to her lead teacher in 2012, Susie (as we know her) became lead Choreographer for City of Angels Children's Chorus and joined the Master Chorale as one of our Alto's.

In 2017 she earned a doctorate degree in Educational Leadership from Concordia University, Irvine and took a teaching position in Los Angeles Unified School District where she coaches an Academic Decathlon team, teaches advanced English literature and composition, and leads bright minds through college-level research. During those years of graduate school, even when inundated with grading high school papers and completing her own graduate research, she found both respite and joy during Saturday Children's Chorus rehearsals and Tuesday night choir practices. Over the last (nearly) fifteen years, Dr. Norton has traveled with the Master Chorale to Carnegie Hall, twice!

Music, choreography, travel, and camaraderie with COACC singers have kept her love of musical theater alive and her performance skills sharp. Most importantly, continuing to create for the Children's Chorus fills her soul.