



Dr. John V. Sinclair, Conductor

Dr. Sinclair has served as Music Director and Conductor of the Messiah Choral Society for the past 20 years. He also serves as Music Director and Conductor of the Bach Festival Society of Winter Park. Dr. Sinclair serves Rollins College as the Director of Music and is the recipient of the John M. Tiedke Chair of Music. He earned his undergraduate degree from William Jewell College and his master's and doctoral degrees from the Conservatory of Music at the University of Missouri in Kansas City. Musically, he is known for creative interpretations, an expressive conducting style, and innovative programming. During the past 13 years, he has made more than 500 appearances as conductor, clinician, or lecturer in many states and foreign countries, including Mass at the Vatican.

In addition, he conducts performances of the Candlelight Processional at EPCOT, directs the Moravian Music Festivals, and participates in recording projects for Warner Brothers and the Walt Disney Corporation. A master teacher, Dr. Sinclair has received many awards, including Rollins College's three highest awards bestowed on a faculty member: the Hugh F. McKean Teaching Award, the Arthur Vining Davis Fellowship, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Rollins College Student Government Association. For two consecutive years, he was named the "Outstanding Music Educator of the Year" by United Arts of Central Florida. Dr. Sinclair founded the Bach Festival Society's Arts-in-Education program, which brings programs to thousands of area students, and founded the Rollins College Community School of Music.