

Dr. John Silantien, *San Antonio Symphony Mastersingers conductor*

San Antonio Symphony Mastersingers conductor Dr. John Silantien has taught and conducted choirs on the secondary and collegiate levels in Texas, the Washington, D. C., area, and on the faculty of the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. He holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Illinois. His awards include a Rockefeller grant for choral conducting at Aspen, Colorado, and a Fulbright award for research in London, England. Dr. Silantien presently serves as Director of Choral Activities at the University of Texas at San Antonio, Director of the San Antonio Symphony Mastersingers, and Director of Choral Music at University Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Silantien's orchestral conducting credits include performances with the San Antonio Symphony, the San Antonio Pops, and New York's West Side Chamber Orchestra, as well as CD recordings of three Mozart piano concertos with the Moscow State Radio Orchestra. He made his Carnegie Hall debut in May 1994 conducting Mozart's Requiem, returning in 2008 for a performance of Mozart's *Vespers*. In May 2016, he will conduct the Mastersingers in the Carnegie Hall premiere of Robert Cohen's *Alzheimer's Stories*.