

DR. GEORGE E. UMBERSON

Dr. George Umberson had an illustrious career as a conductor, music educator, and administrator. His teaching career included positions as Director of Choral Activities at Tucumcari High School, Roswell High School, Pepperdine University and Eastern New Mexico University and, until May, 2002, as Professor of Choral Music at Arizona State University. His administrative positions included West Texas State University and ASU where he served as Director of the internationally recognized School of Music for nineteen years. Dr. Umberson's choirs were selected to perform for regional and national conventions of the American Choral Directors Association and the Music Educators National Conference. He also had groups selected for USO entertainment tours to Asia and Europe. Dr. Umberson has served as guest conductor, clinician or choral adjudicator in over forty states, having conducted many All-State choirs and several symphony orchestras. His last nine years at ASU he served as conductor and artistic director of the Arizona State University Choral Union. He conducted members of the Choral Union on four international concert tours to Europe and Australia performing major choral works with symphony orchestras from those respective areas. In 2005 and 2006 Dr. Umberson was invited to Romania where he conducted the Bucharest Symphony and Choral Society and to Hungary and Croatia where he had similar assignments. Prior to his recent retirement Dr. Umberson was deeply involved in the training of undergraduate choral musicians as well as actively chairing and serving on doctoral committees.