



Composer/conductor Ralph Nelson is in demand as an Artist-in-Residence throughout the Portland area. A graduate of Amherst College and subsequently a composition and conducting student of Nadia Boulanger in France, Nelson has served in many capacities since moving to Portland, Oregon over 25 years ago.

For 22 years, he was a member of the administrative staff of the Oregon Symphony, and then became Executive Director of the Portland Symphonic Choir. During the summer of 2008, Ralph studied conducting with Helmuth Rilling, Tom Davies and Tim Sawyer at the Oregon Bach Festival in Eugene.

In addition to composing and teaching, Nelson is Choir Director at First Immanuel Lutheran Church in Portland and Director of the Holladay Park Plaza Singers. Both Ralph and his wife Susan sing with the Portland Symphonic Choir. In the summer, Ralph sings with Mastersingers USA, an all-male group under the direction of former Amherst College Professor Bruce McInnes.