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In California, Jenny Bent's choirs have received much acclaim, earning unanimous superior ratings and command performances at choral festivals throughout the Bay Area and receiving invitations to perform at such venues as Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center in New York City and Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. She has ten years of experience as a high school music educator, most recently having served as the Director of Vocal Music at the Marin School of the Arts. From 2002-2007 she was the artistic director and conductor of the award-winning teen treble choir, Chantons. Dr. Bent also served on the voice faculty of the Boston University Tanglewood Institute, which is part of the Tanglewood Music Center, the summer home of the Boston Symphony.

In addition to her academic work, Jenny Bent serves as an adjudicator for such organizations as the California Music Educators Association, the American Choral Directors Association, and Golden State, and she clinics choirs throughout the Bay Area and beyond. She also served on the Board of the California Music Educators Association and is currently the Northern Representative for California ACDA. From 2007-2014, Dr. Bent could be heard hosting the radio show *The Choir Loft* on KRCB-FM, the Sonoma County NPR affiliate.