



Everett McCorvey
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Everett McCorvey is endowed professor of voice and the holder of the Lexington Opera Society endowed chair in opera studies at the University of Kentucky. He received his degrees, including a Doctor of Musical Arts, from the University of Alabama. McCorvey has given concerts, master classes and workshops throughout the United States, Europe and Asia as a soloist and with his wife, soprano Alicia Helm. Most recently, McCorvey has presented recital and master classes in Beijing, China; Zlin, Czech Republic; and Kosice, Slovak Republic. He also performed in Poland with the Warsaw Symphony Orchestra as part of a commemoration concert for the events of Sept. 11.

McCorvey is founder and music director of the American Spiritual Ensemble, a group of 16 professional singers from across the U.S. and Canada. The group has toured the U.S. and Europe, including nine tours of Spain, performing concerts of spirituals and other works by African-American composers.

McCorvey's career has been distinguished by many awards. He has received the Acorn Award from the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education, the Outstanding Faculty Award from the University of Kentucky Lyman T. Johnson Alumni Association and the Outstanding Alumni Award in the Arts from the Society for Fine Arts at the University of Alabama.

McCorvey is a former board member of the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA), a service organization that empowers state arts agencies by offering strategic assistance that fosters leadership, enhances planning and decision-making and increases resources.