



and Choral Conductor, the late Robert Shaw.

Collins received his teaching degree in Music Education from Glenville State College in 1969, completed further study of music at the University of Tennessee, then concluded conducting studies at Peabody Conservatory of Music, Maestro Collins aligned himself with some of the

conducting masters, the famous Robert Shaw, Frederick Fennell at Eastman Conservatory, Al Asuncion of the US Naval Academy, and John Bourgeois of the Presidents United States Marine Band. Maestro Collins further studied composition and arranging in Bangor, while at the University College of North Wales, with choral legendary giant, William Mathias. His teaching education at GSC became the cornerstone of his conducting success.

On the podium, he is characterized as a no-nonsense conductor; one with a loving spirit, a respectful serious approach to music coupled by humor and equally balanced with light-heartedness, in

