



Réka Csernyik is one of Australia's foremost experts in choral conducting, choral conducting pedagogy and aural musicianship.

Born in Hungary, Réka earned Master degrees in Music Education, Choral Conducting and Church Music from the world renowned “Ferenc Liszt” Academy of Music, Budapest. She has taught music at every level of education – with wide experience in schools and at university level. Réka held the position of Co-ordinator of Choral Conducting and lecturer of Aural Musicianship at University of Queensland from 2004 to 2010. In recognition of the program she ran with her colleague, James Cuskelly, current director of Sound Thinking Australia, she was awarded a teaching prize in 2009.

Réka's expertise is highly sought after within Australia and overseas. She has regular engagements as a guest lecturer, adjudicator and workshop facilitator.

Réka has presented papers at international conferences on Australian choral repertoire and musicianship education.

Réka is founder and director of Sola Voce Chamber Choir. Under Reka's directorship this choir has toured extensively and won numerous national and international awards including first prize for Vocal Ensemble at the International Choral Festival in Neuchatel, Switzerland in 2010, numerous first prizes in the Canberra National Eisteddfod in 2008 and several prestigious awards including Grand Prix (overall winner) at the 19th International Festival of Academic Choirs at Pardubice, Czech Republic in 2006. At this Festival, Réka's conducting won her the award for Best Conductor of the Competition.

In 2011, Réka launched Sola Voce Music Academy where students can elaborate their musical knowledge at various courses and workshops. Réka was also the Conductor of the Chorale at St Peters Lutheran College. In 2012, Réka launched the Sola Voce Women's Choir to perform Debussy's Nocturnes and Mendelssohn's Midsummer Night's Dream with the Brisbane Philharmonic Orchestra and the Queensland Symphony Orchestra. Réka also directs the choir of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Brisbane.