

## Cornerstone University Chorale Quotes from Florida Tour, March 2016

“Thanks so much for sharing your Chorale with our faculty and students at St. Johns Country Day School. I was struck by the power and force that the voices of three dozen college students could create! Their performance at our school inspired all of us. The Cornerstone University Chorale helps one imagine what it must be like to hear angels sing.”—*Edward M. Ellison, Headmaster, St. Johns Country Day School, Orange Park, Florida*



“Dr. Kent Walters and the Cornerstone Chorale were astounding! Their program was beautifully executed, expressively rich and diverse, spiritually profound and formative, and artistically stellar. I was deeply moved by the spiritual and choral excellence that was displayed and communicated. Bravo!”

—*Dr. James R. Hart, President, The Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies, Jacksonville, Florida and Choir Director, Grace Anglican Church, Fleming Island, Florida*

The Cornerstone Chorale's concert at First Presbyterian Church in Delray Beach was a musically satisfying and spiritual experience. The Chorale's beautifully blended voices presented a varied program. From Baroque polyphony to contemporary harmonies, the group consistently delivered moving performances without losing a full and balanced choral sound. This was a truly memorable concert. I look forward to hearing them again.”—*Don Cannarozzi, Director of Music, First Presbyterian Church, Delray Beach, Florida*

“When I regard a musical performance as particularly special it is contextualized by my having had the great fortune to see some of the finest performing musicians in the world. I can honestly say that the Cornerstone University Chorale's performance at Tampa Covenant Church was the most memorable, beautiful, exuberant choral performance I have ever seen. Each member was incredibly invested in the ensemble—its sound, phrasing nuances, breaths, and sentiment. Dr. Walters is a tremendous leader and ambassador for the organization. In just a few hours of interacting with him, I was greatly impressed by his thoughtfulness, humility, artistry, and godliness. Our experience at CCHS would have been great if it had only been musical and educational, but there was more to it than that. Before and after the Chorale performance and choral workshop with my



students, Dr. Walters and his students took the time to get to know us, and they did so sincerely. My only regrets—the time was so short, and that Grand Rapids is so far away. I wish them God's blessings in their incredibly bright future, and I do hope that this will not be the last time our paths cross.”—*Brandon Martell, Choral Director, Calvary Christian High School, Clearwater, Florida*

The Cornerstone Chorale's concert at Tampa Covenant Church was an absolutely fantastic experience. The sound of the voices filling our worship space transformed our hearts and minds and took us places our ears had not yet explored. The experience was magnificent and utterly glorifying to God."—*Rich VanVoorst, Worship Arts Pastor, Tampa Covenant Church, Tampa, Florida*

"We were both excited and honored to host Dr. Walters and the Cornerstone University Chorale. The program was absolutely stunning and inspirational, but ministry truly began the minute they arrived. The grace and appreciation each student conveyed warmed the hearts of all who attended, inspired those who supported behind the scenes, and ministered to those who had the privilege of hosting students in their homes. The students' heart for ministry goes far beyond their love for music. Their visit was truly exceptional, and we look forward to another opportunity to host them."—*Jon Boeche, Business Manager, Christ the King Lutheran Ministries, Largo, Florida*



"Goosebumps. Tears. Balm."—*Concertgoer in St. Augustine, Florida*

"The Cornerstone University Chorale presented one of the most outstanding concerts given in the Cathedral Basilica. The quality of their tone, their dynamics, and their knowledge of the music was par none. They are blessed to have Dr. Walters as their director. They must return. The following was sent to me the night of the concert from a Cathedral parishioner:

'All I can say is thank you, thank you, thank you! I could not find you to tell you in person. At one point during the concert I closed my eyes and, while I am SURE heaven is NOT perpetual choir



music, I believed in my depths that we were hearing something very close to what we may hear "on the other side." Everyone had tears in their eyes. There was a man behind me who emoted more than I (if you can imagine such a thing!). He kept saying, "What a sound!" His wife cried during the *Irish Blessing*. My neighbor kept saying, "There is no way you can describe this to anyone." We could not go home. We were flying high; so deeply moved. The next time I complain about pollen, dirt or traffic in St. Augustine, remind me of tonight! I shall shut my mouth!

"I think that says it all!"—*Dr. Bernie Sans, Director of Cathedral Music, Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine, Florida*



“Thank you for the significant ministry of the Cornerstone University Chorale at Saint Andrew’s Chapel. I was encouraged to observe—from the beginning to the end of the hosting process—the professionalism, courtesy, and care demonstrated by virtually everyone representing Cornerstone University. We were doubly blessed by the Chorale’s participation in morning worship and stunning evening concert. A number of members from the church, including our pastor, Burk Parsons, indicated that this was the finest choral ensemble they have heard at Saint Andrew’s. That is quite a statement, as a number of outstanding choirs of international renown have performed here. Even more significant was the servant-hearted love for and joy in Christ manifested by the Chorale members, which exuded in the performance, worship services, and fellowship with our folks. The students demonstrated that they were not here merely to perform, but to lovingly serve in the name of Christ.”—*Randall Van Meggelen, Chief Musician, Saint Andrews Chapel, Sanford, Florida*



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