

# Nairobi Chamber Chorus Southeastern U.S. tour

*Presented by the Festival Singers of Florida*

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, USA, September 14, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The world-renowned Nairobi Chamber Chorus will perform in concert with the [Hueytown First United Methodist](#) Church chancel choir on Sunday, October 11, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary located at 110 Sunset Drive, Hueytown, Alabama 35023. The concert features music from a variety of African traditions and music by American composers such as Eric Whitacre and Z. Randall Stroope. Concert admission is free; a love offering will be taken.

Founded in October 2005, the Nairobi Chamber Chorus' mission is to enable young Kenyans to participate in a high quality musical forum from which to build careers and expand knowledge of the arts. Ken Wakia, founding director of the chorus, said, "I can't think of a better way to build bridges between peoples than through music. This endeavor is going to profoundly touch lives and fill hearts."

Since its inception, more than 70 young people have sung with the chorus and many are now leading musicians in Kenya and beyond. Members are drawn from universities and institutions in Nairobi and donate their time and resources to meet and make music. The choir has performed for President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya, Her Majesty the



Director, Nairobi Chamber Chorus

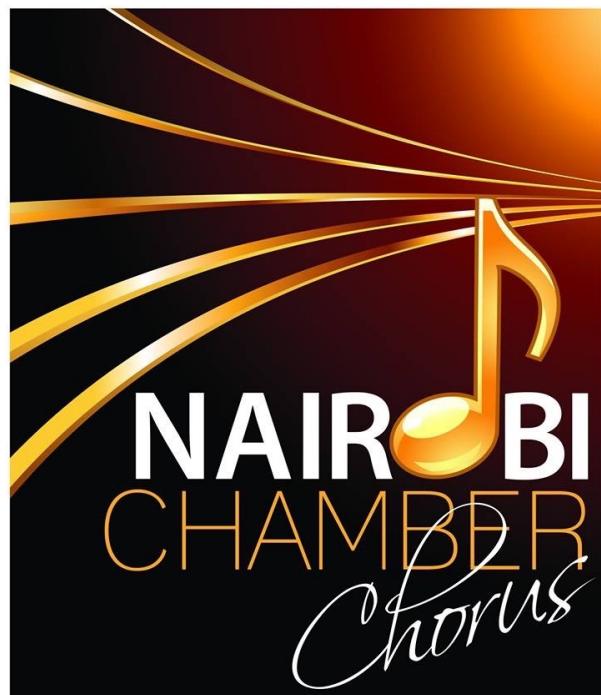
Queen of England, and in July of this year for President Barack Obama during his State visit to Kenya.

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Dr. Kevin Fenton, the Festival Singers artistic director said, "Africa will steal your heart. Those are true words; it certainly stole the hearts of the Festival Singers of Florida who went to Kenya one year ago and performed with the Nairobi Chamber Chorus. Their energy and inner joy absolutely filled our hearts and they will fill yours too!" Fenton is professor of choral conducting and ensembles at Florida State University where he has served since 2000.

For more information about the Nairobi Chamber Chorus or The Festival Singers of Florida please visit our website at [www.fsof.org/ncctour](http://www.fsof.org/ncctour)



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We are thrilled to host the Nairobi Chamber Chorus and for the opportunity to sing in concert with them. The chancel choir is beyond excited!

*LaWayne Fleming, director of music*

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