

Nairobi Chamber Chorus Southeastern U.S. tour

*Presented by the University of Florida
and The Festival Singers of Florida*

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-- The world-renowned Nairobi Chamber
Chorus will perform in concert with the
University of Florida's [African Choir](#)
[Pazeni Sauti](#) on Friday, October 16, 2015
at 7:30 p.m. at [Holy Trinity Episcopal
Church](#) located at 100 NE First Street,
Gainesville, Florida 32601. 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; donations are tax exempt and gladly
accepted.

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

The Festival Singers of Florida, overall sponsors for the tour, is a select, annually-auditioned group of singers from throughout Florida and the Southeast. The group consists primarily of music educators and is well known for performance excellence. Additional sponsors include The American Choral

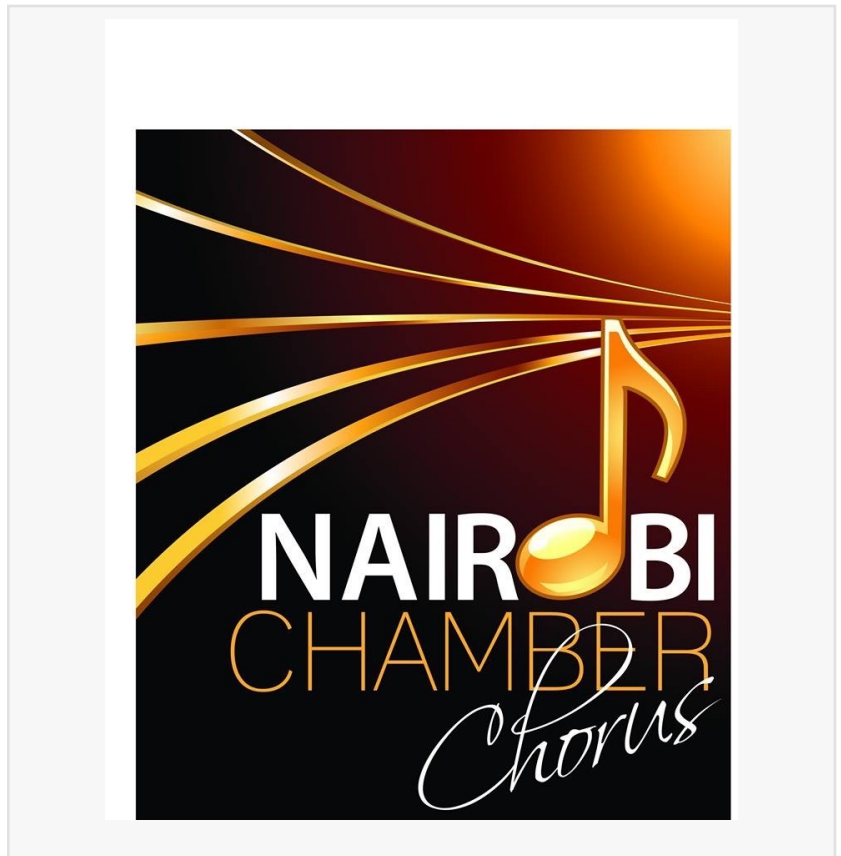


Director, Nairobi Chamber Chorus

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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



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To have the Nairobi Chamber Chorus sing with our own African choir "Pazeni Sauti" is beyond amazing! What a wonderful concert this is going to be and one that shouldn't be missed.

*Russ Robinson, UF professor
of music education*

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