

Chorale Biography

The Valparaiso University Chorale, the premier choral ensemble at VU and among the top Lutheran collegiate choirs in the United States, upholds the highest standard of choral art through performance of the greatest choral literature of all eras. Dedicated to performing works that represent the University's Lutheran heritage, the group is also noted for performance of significant contemporary works in original languages and for performance of music expressing multi-cultural perspectives. Selected by competitive audition, the Chorale was a featured ensemble at the 2004 Central Division Convention of the American Chorale Directors Association. Under the direction of Dr. Christopher M. Cock this 48-voice ensemble maintains an active annual schedule of touring, performing, and recording. Their 1998 debut recording *Traditions: Hymns, Motets and Folk Songs*; the 2000 recording *The Lutheran Chorale* with Paul Manz; the 2001 recording *Christ Child: Songs of the Nativity*; the 2003 recording *In Paradisium*; and the 2006 recording *As it is in Heaven* have been widely distributed. In March 2004 they undertook a concert tour of Germany, sang a residency at the Thomaskirche (Leipzig) and performed for the President of The Federal Republic of Germany at Castle Bellevue. The Chorale returned to Germany in 2007 appearing at the Thomaskirche in Leipzig and performances of *St. John Passion* with the Leipzig Baroque Orchestra.