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Christian Grube

Professor Grube was Professor for Choir Conducting at the Berlin University of Arts and Director of the famous boys' choir, the State and Cathedral Choir of Berlin. In 1975, Grube founded the Chamber Choir at the university which toured worldwide and performed with Herbert von Karajan, Seiji Ozawa and Zubin Mehta. He has served as a guest conductor, adjudicator and has conducted choral workshops and master classes worldwide. Because of the diplomatic influence of his work, in 1995, Grube was awarded the National Medal for Distinguished Service, the highest civilian honor given by the German government. He adjudicated the 2007 California International Choral Festival & Competition.

William Hatcher

Professor Hatcher retired in 1999 from the University of Iowa after 43 years of conducting and teaching choral music. His choral ensembles have been widely honored and have toured worldwide. He was the National President of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) and was the recipient of both the Howard S. Swan Award and the Weston Noble Award for lifetime achievement by ACDA. Mr. Hatcher was the Coordinator and Associate Director of the 1,000 voice Olympic Honor Choir which sang for the opening and closing ceremonies of the 1984 Olympiad in Los Angeles. He also was the Choral Adjudicator for the 2003 Hong Kong Music Festival with over 120,000 entries. He adjudicated the 2007 California International Choral Festival & Competition.

Ginger Covert Colla

Dr. Colla teaches part-time for Modesto Junior College; where she has created a two semester course of study in the art of teaching music to infants through early elementary school. She holds the title of Professor Emeritus at California State University, Stanislaus where she was Professor of Music Education and Director of Choral and Vocal Studies from 1986-1999. Colla was honored as the recipient of the California Music Educators Association Award as the Outstanding Choral Music Educator in California in 1989 and received the Howard S. Swan Award for Choral Excellence presented by the California Chapter of the American Choral Directors Association in 2004. She adjudicated the San Luis Obispo All-Schools Spring Choral Festival in 2008.

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