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**FLUTE LUMINARY AND GUEST ARTIST,  
KELLY VIA, TO LEAD FSU FLUTE  
CHOIR IN ANNUAL FLUTE CHOIR DAY**

*Tallahassee, FL-* Notable flutist, conductor and composer, Kelly Via, will return to Tallahassee to lead the third annual FSU Flute Choir Day on **Saturday, April 16, 2011** at the **Florida State University School of Music, (Housewright Music Building, 111 N. Copeland Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32304)**. Free and open to the public, events begin at 9:30am. A few highlights from the day's full schedule include flute choir rehearsals with Via, and a master class with Eva Amsler, Professor of Flute at Florida State University. Please bring your flute and join us for an open flute choir reading session at 7pm. The day's events will culminate in a final concert featuring the FSU and Atlanta flute choirs at 8pm. Please visit [FAatFSU.com](http://FAatFSU.com) for more information and a complete schedule of events.

An experienced orchestral player, Mr. Via is the piccoloist of the Atlanta Ballet Orchestra and Macon Symphony Orchestra. Previous orchestral engagements include positions as principal flutist of the former Atlanta Pops Orchestra, charter member of the Georgia Sinfonia and performances with the Atlanta Symphony, Atlanta Opera, Augusta Symphony, Columbus Symphony, Des Moines Symphony, and Des Moines Metro Opera orchestras. As a soloist he has appeared with the Albany Symphony, Atlanta Pops, Columbus Symphony, and Macon Symphony orchestras. A flute choir enthusiast and arranger, Mr. Via has been selected to perform with the National Flute Association Professional Flute Choir each year since 2000. A

celebrated composer and arranger for flute choir, Via was winner and a finalist of the National Flute Association's Newly Published Music Competition in 2002 and 2004, respectively. He was appointed to serve as Flute Choir Coordinator for the National Flute Association from 2007 to 2012 and he conducted the 2008 NFA National High School Flute Choir in Kansas City, MO. Mr. Via is currently teaching flute at Mercer University, Agnes Scott College, Carere Music and the Atlanta Music Academy. He also directs the Mercer University and Atlanta Music Academy flute choirs and woodwind chamber ensembles at Agnes Scott College.

The Florida State University Flute Choir represents one of many opportunities under the umbrella of the FSU Flute Studio and Flute Association at FSU. Led by distinguished flutist and professor, Eva Amsler, the 30-40 students comprising the studio come to study from all over the world, including South America and Europe. Students meet weekly in freshmen, sophomore, junior/senior and graduate studio classes. Scholarships and graduate teaching assistantships are available for qualified students. The Flute Association at Florida State University is fortunate to host numerous distinguished guest artists each year. Recent guests include: Carol Wincenc, Robert Dick, Chris Kreugger, Marianne Gedigian, Jonathan Keeble, Lea Pearsen, Linda Mark, Colin St. Martin, Leonard Garrison and Robert Langevin. The FSU flute studio strives to offer students a well rounded experience through classes in dynamic integration, beginning and advanced Baroque flute, recorder, techniques and flute pedagogy. Please visit [FAatFSU.com](http://FAatFSU.com) to learn more about the Flute Association at FSU and the flute studio.

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