

# Concert Chorus Makes 2017 Debut at Carnegie Hall



January 15, 2017. When making its 2017 debut at Carnegie Hall in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, the NBCS Concert Chorus reinforced its title as the "Music Ambassadors of Newark."

In joining with other groups from Mississippi, New York, Washington, Australia, Finland, Germany, New Zealand, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and "individual singers from around the globe," the stage was set for a memorable night. The concert featured the music of Sir Karl Jenkins and included his *Requiem* and *Cantata Memoria: For the Children*.



"Our pride and joy was on display at Carnegie Hall this weekend," commented Donald Morris, the NBCS Music Director. "It went splendidly from our arrival outside, prepping for stage in front of the mirror, meeting the composer and rehearsal on stage...a wonderful experience for everyone," continued Morris.

Many parents travelled either on the bus with the Chorus or separately to see and to hear their sons on the world's premier concert stage. Everyone was rewarded with outstanding performances.

In his review, the reporter from the New York Concert Review commented, "the large chorus was well-prepared, with some very strong bass singers especially rising to the occasion. The audience rewarded all with a standing ovation that one usually hears at the end of a concert. " But at the end of the performance "audience members again sprung to their feet with a standing ovation that became a roar... Bravo to all!"

The Chorus continues its performances at Lawyers Leading the Way Breakfast, the Baltimore Choral Festival, the caravan to Southern Florida, the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rainbow Gala and the Spring Music Concert. (Check the Calendar section of the website for details.)



Rehearsal on Stage before the Concert.