

Music Camps @ FSU

June 15-19, 2009



Vocal Music Camp Instructor - Denise M. Payton

The **Vocal Music Camp** is for choral and vocal students who have had prior vocal/choral experiences and some basic music-reading skills. Music will be selected for treble voices or 3 part mixed dependent upon campers. Show Choir will be offered to those students interested in dancing and singing.

Denise Murchison Payton is presently the Director of the University Choir and teacher of applied voice at Fayetteville State University. She was educated in the public schools of Cumberland County (NC); N.C. A&T State University (NC); Fayetteville State University (NC) and is pursuing doctoral studies in Music Education, at Boston University (MA). Payton has held teaching positions in the Richmond County Public Schools, and Cumberland County Public Schools for over 28 years.

Ms. Payton is also the founder of The Heritage Restoration Chorale an ecumenical group of singers from the Fayetteville, Cumberland County area. She has performed frequently as a soprano soloist and in such operas as Susannah, Amahl and the Night Visitors, the world premiere of Strange Fruit, and Regina. Ms. Payton made her debut performance with the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra, December 13, 2008. Ms. Payton was the first soloist of the Martin Luther King Jr. annual concert at Fayetteville State University, and just celebrated the 10th anniversary of this celebration as soprano soloist in January 2008.

Ms. Payton is often sought after as a vocal coach and lecturer/presenter for churches and organizations. Denise is the Minister of Music at Bethel A.M.E. Zion Church. Payton has also made numerous guest appearances as a guest conductor for the elementary, middle and high schools' All-County choruses of Franklin County Schools and Sampson County Schools. For more information about **Vocal Camp**, contact Ms. Payton at dpayton1@uncfsu.edu.