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*Artistic Director and Founder Schola Cantorum on Hudson
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Dr. Deborah Simpkin King, a voice teacher and conductor for more than thirty years, is a sought-after choral workshop and festival clinician. Dr. King founded the critically acclaimed choral ensemble Schola Cantorum on Hudson in 1995. As the organization's Artistic Director, she has shaped the ensemble into a high-caliber performing force that:

- presents numerous premieres including the European premiere of an American work during the Salzburg Festival,
- performs for New Jersey Symphony Orchestra's annual Winter Festival (*Best of...Italian Opera*, 2010 and *Paris: Fantasy & Discovery*, 2009),
- appeared on a national broadcast on the Telemundo television network.

Dr. King's three degrees are in musicology (PhD), choral conducting/music ed (MM), and vocal performance (BM), and she has held faculty positions teaching in all three of these areas. She currently serves as Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church in Ramsey, as well.