



Dr. Angel Vazquez-Ramos

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Before completing his doctoral studies at Florida State University, Dr. Vázquez-Ramos taught secondary choral music at Pinellas County Schools in the Tampa Bay Area. Previous music director positions have included congregations in both Florida and California. He has served as a board member on the California Choral Directors Association Board, and the Organization of American Kodály Educators Western Region. Currently, he is serving on the boards of the ACDA Western Region and the National Collegiate Choral Organization. Dr. Vázquez-Ramos is also a member of the National Association for Music Education, and the International Kodály Society.

He completed his Bachelor of Arts in Music Education at the University of Puerto Rico. Studying with Judy Bowers, Rodney Eichenberger, Kevin Fenton, Clifford Madsen, and André Thomas, he holds Master of Music Education and Ph.D. in Music Education degrees from Florida State University. Dr. Vázquez-Ramos has presented sessions at state, regional, national and internal conferences. His interests include: teacher preparation, rehearsal techniques, adolescent choirs, and Latin American choral music. He has also published articles on assessment in music education and teacher preparation in the *Journal of Research in Music Education*, the *International Journal of Research in Choral Singing* and the *Florida Music Director*.