

Dr. Axel Theimer

Dr. Theimer is a native of Austria where he was a member of the Vienna Boys Choir. He received much of his training in Vienna and completed his studies at the University of Minnesota with a MFA in Choral Conducting and a DMA in Vocal Performance. He is an active recitalist and has presented master classes, workshops and seminars for state, regional and national music conventions and conferences, and has conducted All-State Choirs, Choral Festivals, and Honor Choirs throughout the United States.

At Saint John's and Saint Ben's he directs the CSB/SJU Chamber Choir as well as the SJU Men's Chorus and teaches choral conducting, applied voice, vocal pedagogy and other related courses. In addition to his professional activities at Saint John's and Saint Ben's he is founder and music director of Kantorei, a Twin Cities (Minneapolis/Saint Paul) choral ensemble, of Amadeus Chamber Symphony, a chamber orchestra for central Minnesota musicians and audiences and is music director of the National Catholic Youth Choir. He is on the faculty, and is currently President as well as Executive Director of the VoiceCare Network. In November of 2001 the Minnesota American Choral Directors Association awarded him Choir Director of the Year.