

GREAT MUSIC

at Christ Church Cathedral



2024 - 2025

THE EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL IN DOWNTOWN LEXINGTON

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Experience Great Music at Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington's premier historical setting for discovering the power of music to stir your soul and inspire your mind.

At historic Christ Church, the Gothic architecture offers a remarkable environment in which to savor unforgettable music and connect with friends old and new.

Enjoy Christ Church Cathedral's highly acclaimed choirs, who breathe new life into the centuries-old tradition of choral music. Delight in organists inspired by the Cathedral's Holtkamp Organ, and a vibrant array of concert artists whose gifts promise to enchant.



Come to Christ Church Cathedral, connect with friends, and experience Great Music that has the power to transform our lives.

Carol Wade
Dean & Rector of Christ Church Cathedral

About Christ Church Cathedral

Christ Church Cathedral is a people of prayer and action stirred by compassion and eager to serve the community. We have offerings for every generation. All are welcome.

Cathedrals are by nature multi-dimensional. They are places of spiritual and aesthetic exuberance. At Christ Church Cathedral, worship takes place in varied forms; music, art, and poetry pour forth in resonant beauty, and opportunities for spiritual growth and service shape our purpose.

As a vital citizen, Christ Church Cathedral seeks to offer a meeting place of the spirit where people from all walks of life can meet in search of common ground to serve the common good.



COVER ART BY ARTIST MARIAN O'SHANHNESSY. USED WITH PERMISSION.

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL'S *Messiah*



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:30pm

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The Lexington Baroque Ensemble

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FOR TICKET RESERVATIONS, VISIT [CCCLEX.ORG/MESSIAH](https://ccclex.org/messiah)



*"The Christ Church Cathedral Choir inspired faultless singing and immaculate choral discipline.
The musical standards they attained were second to none."*

~ Choir and Organ Magazine



A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:00PM

The Cathedral Choir

We gather this night to tell the greatest story we know through the beauty of sacred scripture and song.

Organ Preludes begins at 6:30PM.

Childcare is available.



CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

BENJAMIN BRITTEN'S *A Ceremony of Carols*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

4:00PM

The Cathedral Girls Choir
Rachel Renee Miller, *harp*



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DIRKSEN ORGAN REDEDICATION CONCERT

with JAMES KIBBIE

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN



SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

4:00PM



Co-sponsored with the
Lexington Chapter of the
American Guild of Organists

GABRIEL FAURÉ'S *Requiem*

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13

4:00PM

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Lisa Hall, *organ*

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DIRKSEN ORGAN

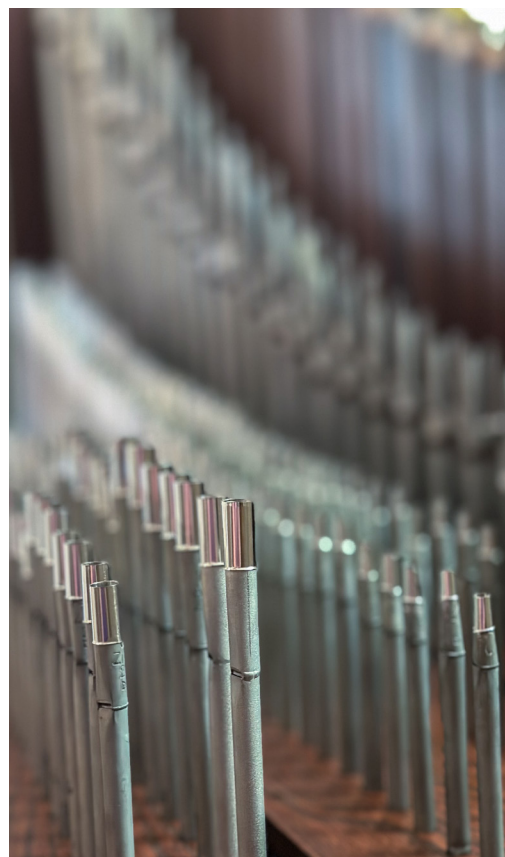
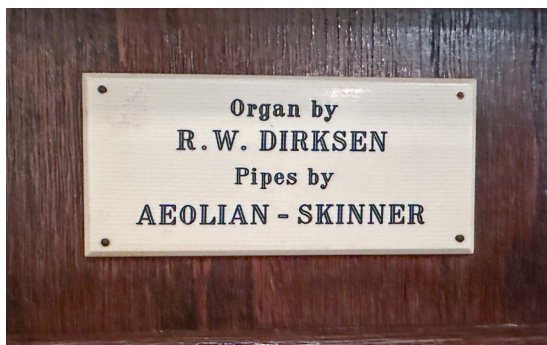
1955, RESTORATION, 2024

The Dirksen portativ organ has been delivered to Christ Church Cathedral following a complete and superb restoration by Buzard Pipe Organ Builders, Champaign, Illinois.

The organ was gifted to the Cathedral by the Dirksen family. Since the early 1950's, it spent its life at Washington National Cathedral. The organ was built by Richard Watson Dirksen, grandfather of Rick and Mark Dirksen and father of Richard Wayne Dirksen, Organist & Choirmaster, and Precentor at Washington National Cathedral. The pipework was made by the Aeolian-Skinner Organ Company.

We are delighted to have the instrument here in Lexington! The Dirksen organ will reside next to the three-manual Holtkamp organ, built by Walter Holtkamp Sr. in 1949. The organ will be featured throughout this season's *Great Music Series*.

We are thankful for the Dirksen family and our Friends of Cathedral Music, who donated to have this organ restored to its former glory!



CONCERTS AND EVENSONGS



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

3:30pm **CONCERT**

Chimera Guitar Quartet
University of Louisville

4:00pm **EVENSONG**

with the Cathedral Choir

Jakob Giles, Max Greenwald, Joey Piellucci, and Ascher Taylor-Schroeder

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

3:30pm **CONCERT**

Brass Ensemble
University of Kentucky

4:00pm **ALL SOULS
EVENSONG**

with the Cathedral Choir



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

3:30pm **CONCERT**

Altissimo String Quartet
Lexington, Kentucky

4:00pm **EVENSONG**

with the Cathedral Choir

Madison Jones, Rebecca Kiekenapp, Dale Jones, Clyde Beavers

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SUNDAY, MARCH 16

3:30pm **CONCERT**

Hayden Ives-Glasgow, *organ*
Indiana University

4:00pm **EVENSONG**
with the Cathedral Choir

FRIDAY, MAY 16

7:30pm

CHORAL CONCERT

Madrigal Singers

SCAPA: School for the Arts
Creative and Performing Arts

Ryan Marsh, *conductor*



SUNDAY, MAY 18

3:30pm **CONCERT**

Neal Campbell, *organ*
Trinity Episcopal Church
Vero Beach, Florida

4:00pm **EVENSONG**
with the Cathedral Choir



AN INVITATION TO SING

For information on the Cathedral Singers, Imps or Womens Choir, please contact Music Assistant, Kathleen Balling via email at kballing@ccclex.org or call 859-254-4497, ext. 1011.



THE CATHEDRAL SINGERS

The Cathedral Singers, a volunteer choir, provides an opportunity for parishioners -- adults and teens -- to be a part of a choral ensemble. The Cathedral Singers alternates with the Womens Choir to provide choral music for the 8:30am liturgy during the academic year. Rehearsals are twice a month on Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30pm.

The Cathedral Singers are also the primary choir during the months of June, July and August, and will have an opportunity to sing special services such as Christmas Eve Pageant, Epiphany and Easter Vigil.



THE CATHEDRAL WOMENS CHOIR

The Cathedral Womens Choir is an ensemble for women ages 18 and older. The choir sings twice a month at the 8:30am liturgy from September to May. The Cathedral Womens Choir rehearses twice a month on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30pm.



THE CATHEDRAL ATB CHOIR

Admission to the Alto, Tenor, and Bass Choir is by competitive audition. Auditions are normally held each fall. Audition requirements emphasize vocal ability and sight-singing. Please contact the Canon Musician for more information. Students at Transylvania University and the University of Kentucky are particularly encouraged to apply.



The Cathedral ATB Choir processing into Evensong



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THE CATHEDRAL CHORISTERS

The Cathedral Choristers are girls and boys ages 8 through 18 (girls) or through voice change (boys). The choir rehearses on Wednesday and Thursday 4:30-6:00pm. The Choristers sing Sundays at the 11:00am Eucharist with the ATB Choir, as well as Evensong services and concerts throughout the year.



THE CATHEDRAL IMPS

The Cathedral Imps is for boys and girls ages 4 through 8. Choristers work on singing skills, basic notation and sight reading, movement and Christian understanding. This is a preparatory choir for the Cathedral Boys and Cathedral Girls choirs. The Cathedral Imps meet Saturdays 8:30-9:15am or Sundays 12:15-1:00pm from September through May.



You are invited to join the Cathedral music program! Please contact Canon Musician, Erich Balling via email at eballing@ccclex.org or call 859-254-4497, ext. 1010 for more membership information.



Post Handel's Messiah Concert



Choristers at Choir Camp
Cathedral Domain, Irvine, Kentucky

GOD'S CHILDREN SING

God's Children Sing is for children from birth to age 3 and parents. Children and parents gather to enjoy music, play, and fellowship in an atmosphere of faith and fun. God's Children Sing meets Sundays from 10:15-10:45am in Helm 101 during the academic year. Come and join us at any time!

Cathedral Imps getting ready to sing on Sunday morning

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11:00am Choral Eucharist with combined choirs
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FRIDAY, JULY 4

5:00pm *Celebrate July 4th!*
BRASS & ORGAN CONCERT

SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY 28, 2025

THE ROARING TWENTIES

A GATHERING OF ANGELS

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025 AT 6:00PM

A Gathering of Angels, a gala fundraising event, held every two to three years, offers an exquisite evening of food, drink, and celebration of the music of Christ Church. This not-to-be missed ticketed event includes a Silent Auction throughout the evening capped off with a Live Auction of fabulous trips, jewelry, event tickets, and more. All funds raised from *A Gathering of Angels* will go directly to the Choir Tour & Camp Fund allowing the Cathedral Choirs to share their gift of music around the world.

Table reservations along with individual tickets will be available in January 2025. It's a night you won't want to miss!

Visit cccllex.org/goa for additional information.

CHOIR FESTIVAL

WITH CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, INDIANAPOLIS

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

11:00am Choral Eucharist

4:00pm Evensong



Our choristers will be joined by Christ Church Cathedral, Indianapolis choristers for a fun, musical weekend! The combined choirs will present a choral Eucharist at 11:00am on Sunday, June 22, followed by an Evensong at 4:00pm. All are welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS

CELEBRATE JULY 4TH! BRASS & ORGAN CONCERT



FRIDAY, JULY 4

5:00pm with Cathedral Organists,
Brass, and Percussion

Join us for a wonderful afternoon of patriotic music! Our celebration will include arrangements of Sousa marches, patriotic songs and musical fireworks featuring our Cathedral Organists, a brass quartet and percussion. All are welcome!

2026 CHOIR RESIDENCY CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL AND GREAT ST. MARY'S, CAMBRIDGE

JULY 17-27, 2026

Cathedrals throughout history have placed worship and music at the center of their identity and purpose. In times of celebration and loss our Cathedrals stand as testaments to God's grace and healing. Cathedrals give the gift of music, the gift of culture and the gift of spirituality.

For decades, Christ Church Cathedral has supported a historic and vibrant chorister program. Indeed, our choristers form the heart of our music ministry and our worship services.

In July 2026, the choristers have a unique opportunity to travel and serve as Resident Choir in Canterbury Cathedral in the city of Canterbury in Kent, England and in Great St. Mary's, The University Church, Cambridge. The opportunities for learning, sharing, and broadening our horizons and creating new, positive relationships with fellow Anglicans around the globe is remarkable indeed.



Canterbury Cathedral

MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

Music at Christ Church exists to inspire all who visit the Cathedral, enrich the worship, and enhance the cultural life of the community. You are invited and welcome to participate in all aspects of the Cathedral's life.

Christ Church Cathedral has for many decades trained choirs in the English Cathedral tradition. The Cathedral Choir is among just eight of its kind in the United States and sets a high standard for liturgical worship in this country.

Unique in its depth and breadth, instruction for the boys and girls follows the Royal School of Church Music curriculum. Children and youth deepen their sense of history, language, and art as well as their ability to interpret sacred texts and music. Through the ongoing efforts of learning and working together, the choristers develop friendships, become part of a community that uplifts their efforts, and learn to be leaders at the heart of vibrant worship.

The Cathedral Choir tours nationally and internationally, performs concerts with orchestra, and is livestreamed at the weekly 11:00am Sunday Eucharist. The Cathedral Choir has multiple recordings and performed on radio broadcasts as well. Most recently, the Cathedral Choir sang a 10-day choral residency at Chester Cathedral, England in July 2023.



Please visit www.ccclex.org/music to learn more about the Cathedral's Music Program.



Exeter Cathedral Residency, 2017



Chester Cathedral Residency, 2023

Ely Cathedral Residency, 2012

BECOME A FRIEND OF CATHEDRAL MUSIC

The purpose of Friends of Cathedral Music is to enhance the artistic outreach of the Cathedral's music throughout the greater Lexington community. Your support of Friends of Cathedral Music creates significant impact. Friends of Cathedral Music makes possible unique musical offerings such as Handel's *Messiah*, Faure's *Requiem*, Pre-Evensong concerts, and the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols all presented in the warmth of the Cathedral's sacred and historic space.

Music at Christ Church Cathedral exists because of the generous pledges made to the Cathedral's yearly ministry budget. The additional generosity of Friends of Cathedral Music expands the impact and outreach of great music in Lexington.

We invite you to consider supporting Friends of Cathedral Music. Annual membership in Friends of Cathedral Music is open to all members and friends of Christ Church Cathedral by donation. Friends of Cathedral Music donors are acknowledged in the printed programs of events, receive priority seating and invitations to special donor events.

Please consider sharing the gift of music. Become a Friend of Cathedral Music.



You may use the enclosed envelope to make your gift to continue the ongoing work of the music ministry. You may also give online by scanning the QR code provided, or by visiting ccclex.org/friendsofmusic. Thank you!

DONATION LEVELS

Guarantor - \$1000+
Angel - \$500+
Donor - \$250+
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Sundays at the Cathedral

HOLY EUCHARIST

8:30am with the Cathedral Singers
or the Cathedral Womens Choir

11:00am with the Cathedral Choir

BREAKFAST

9:15am

FORMATION for all ages

10:00am

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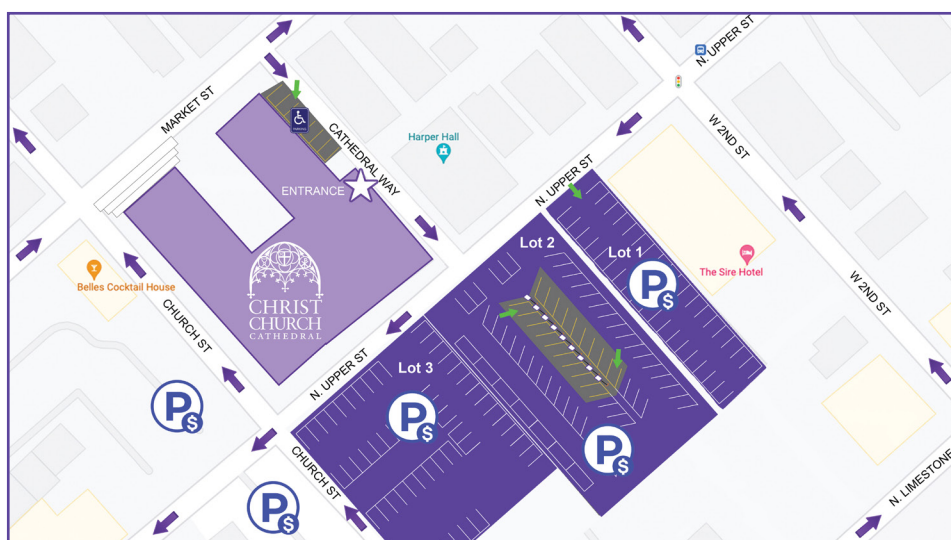
3:30pm & 4:00pm Monthly

STUDENT|LIFE GROUP (Grades 6-12)

5:00pm



Parking



MONDAY - SATURDAY

The spaces in Lot 2 designated by Cathedral signage and the handicapped spaces in Cathedral Way are available to those parking for Cathedral events at any time (spaces in gray). Parking in any other spaces will require payment to avoid receiving a ticket.

SUNDAY

All spaces in Lots 1, 2, and 3 are available during Cathedral events on SUNDAY ONLY.

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