



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL MUSIC

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2025 - 2026



Building Community through Music

Grace and peace be with you. It was Plato who said, "Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to life and to everything."

For decades, the musical offerings at Christ Church Cathedral have contributed to the soulful, creative, and imaginative aspects of life that Plato so poignantly spoke of. Indeed, through our worship, concert series, and weekly Music Live at Lunch events, the Cathedral seeks to provide opportunities that enable listeners and participants both within and beyond our community to experience moments of transcendence and inspiration that bring joy, light, life, and hope.

In short, music is a gift that we have been blessed and honored to share. Enjoy!

Blessings,

The Very Rev. Owen C. Thompson, Dean



ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

You are welcome here. No matter who you are, where you're from — you are welcome at Christ Church Cathedral Cincinnati.

Our vision at Christ Church Cathedral is to empower people of peace to reconcile, liberate, heal, and serve the world by living out the way of love.

As a beloved community, in covenant with God and each other, our mission at the Cathedral is to be Christ's prophetic presence in the city, offer sanctuary to all people, awaken them to their belovedness in God, and lead the way in making Cincinnati a more just and equitable place — one neighborhood, one person, one moment at a time.

Weekly Worship Services

FRIDAY 12:10 pm

SATURDAY 5:00 pm

**SUNDAY 8:00 am,
10:00 am, 12:00 pm**

September 2025

Music Live at Lunch

September 9 | Phil DeGreg Trio

September 16 | The Lieto Quartet

September 23 | Sassafras Grass

September 30 | Ricky Nye (jazz piano)

Talk Low Music Festival

Saturday, September 27 | 4:00 pm

Sarah Davachi performs on the Richards, Fowkes & Co. Opus 24 organ as part of the Talk Low Experimental Music Festival. Ticket information: talklowfest.com.

Talk low.

Sarah Davachi





MUSIC LIVE AT LUNCH

Music Live at Lunch is a free, weekly concert series featuring a variety of music. Bring your own lunch or buy one at the Cathedral. When Cincinnati Public Schools close due to inclement weather, Music Live at Lunch will also be cancelled.

2025-2026 SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

SEPT.

September 9 | Phil DeGreg Trio
September 16 | The Lieto Quartet
September 23 | Sassafra's Grass
September 30 | Ricky Nye (jazz piano)

OCT.

October 7 | Danielle Hundley (flute)
October 14 | James Meade (guitar)
October 21 | In Vista Winds
October 28 | Walnut Hills High School Choir

NOV.

November 4 | Students of the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music harpsichord and organ studios
November 11 | Rebecca Culnan (violin) & Dan Culnan (piano)
November 18 | Sally Lukasik (accordion)
November 25 | Clark and Jones Trio

DEC.

December 2 | Queen City Klezmerim
December 9 | Heri et Hodie (women's vocal ensemble)
December 16 | Christ Church Cathedral Choir – Benjamin Britten's
A Ceremony of Carols

JAN.

January 6 | Vincent Phelan (violin) & Steve Phillips (piano)
January 13 | Southbank Quartet
January 20 | The Faux Frenchmen
January 27 | Mika Komuro (piano)

FEB.

February 3 | Students of the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music harpsichord and organ studios
February 10 | Cincinnati Recorder Consort
February 17 | Lagniappe
February 24 | Moyen Age

MAR.

March 3 | James Loughery (jazz piano)
March 10 | Laney and the Tramps
March 17 | Boutique
March 24 | Heri et Hodie (women's vocal ensemble)
March 31 | Jimmy Leach Trio

APR.

April 7 | Wild Carrot
April 14 | Queen City Vintage Vibe
April 21 | Covington High School Choir
April 28 | Donald Broerman (guitar) & Michael Ronstadt (cello)

MAY

May 5 | Estrada do Sol
May 12 | Nick Greenberg Trio
May 19 | Pork City Slim
May 26 | Mitchell Sturges (tenor)

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MORE INFO!



October 2025

Music Live at Lunch

October 7 | Danielle Hundley (flute)
October 14 | James Meade (guitar)
October 21 | In Vista Winds
October 28 | Walnut Hills High School Choir

Choral Evensong

Sunday, October 5

Pre-Service Organ Recital | 4:30 pm (Jason Gunnell)

Evensong | 5:00 pm

Phos hilaron

O Gracious Light – Daniel Grotz

Responses

Stephan Casurella

Canticles

Magnificat & Nunc dimittis in G – Herbert W. Sumsion

Anthem

I Waited for the Lord – Felix Mendelssohn

Indigenous Peoples Celebration

Sunday, October 12 | 10:00 am

Guest musicians

Josh Gibbs (Native flutes)

Copper Face United (Native drum)

Anthem

In Beauty May I Walk – Jonathan Dove

Native Flutes and Drums



October 2025

Organ Recital **Sunday, October 19 | 3:00 pm**

Michael Unger performs on the C. B. Fisk Opus 148 organ in Centennial Chapel. Ticket information: collegiumcincinnati.org.



Michael Unger



HOW TO SUBSCRIBE

To have a copy of the season brochure mailed to you annually, visit cincinnaticathedral.com/music or email hello@cccath.org with your mailing address and a note requesting a music brochure be mailed to your home. You may also ask to receive our monthly music e-news.

SCHEDULING

All programming is subject to change. See the website for updated information.

PARKING

Parking is conveniently located across Fourth Street at the Queen City Square garage. Parking vouchers are available at the reception desk for worship services.

PHOTO CREDITS

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November 2025

Music Live at Lunch

November 4 | Students of the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music harpsichord and organ studios
November 11 | Rebecca Culnan (violin) & Dan Culnan (piano)
November 18 | Sally Lukasik (accordion)
November 25 | Clark and Jones Trio

All Saints' Day (Observed) Sunday, November 2 | 10:00 am

Introit

Holy Is the True Light – William H. Harris

Anthems

O How Glorious Is the Kingdom – Basil Harwood

Justorum animae – William Byrd

Commemoration of All Faithful Departed Sunday, November 2 | 5:00 pm

Service

Requiem, Op. 48 – Gabriel Fauré

Organ Recital Sunday, November 9 | 3:00 pm

Anne Laver performs on both Cathedral organs: C. B. Fisk Op. 148 and Richards, Fowkes & Co. Opus 24. Suggested donation: \$15.



November 2025

Joy & Resilience: Uplifting Black, Queer Voices **Saturday, November 15 | 7:00 pm** **Sunday, November 16 | 3:00 pm**

Artistic director Reina Dickey leads Cincinnati Women's Choir MUSE in a concert that celebrates and amplifies stories and legacies from the past through today. Ticket information: musechoir.org.



Existence Is Resistance **Saturday, November 22 | 3:00 pm**

Artistic director Jon Noworyta leads Queen City Freedom Band, Cincinnati's LGBTQ+ community concert band, in a program that shares the music of composers whose communities have received focused attention from those in power. Ticket information: qcfb.org.

An Advent Procession with Lessons and Carols **Sunday, November 30**

Pre-Service Organ Recital | 4:30 pm
Stephan Casurella, organist

Advent Procession | 5:00 pm

Let My Prayer Come Up as the Incense – Peter Hallock
The Great “O Antiphons” – Mode 2 plainchant and
Peter Hallock
Os justi – Anton Bruckner
Tomorrow Go Ye Forth – Gabriel Jackson
Es ist ein Ros’ entsprungen – arr. Donald Cashmore
O Lord, How Shall I Meet You – Stephan Casurella
Infinite Light – arr. Paul Halley
Rorate coeli – Josef Rheinberger
God Would Be Born in Thee – Judith Bingham

December 2025

Music Live at Lunch

December 2 | Queen City Klezmerim

December 9 | Heri et Hodie (women's vocal ensemble)

December 16 | Christ Church Cathedral Choir – Benjamin Britten's
A Ceremony of Carols

Handel's *Messiah*

Sunday, December 7 | 3:00 pm

Artistic director Matthew Phelps conducts Collegium Cincinnati's annual performance of Handel's complete *Messiah*. Ticket information: collegiumcincinnati.org.

A Viva Voices Christmas

Saturday, December 13 | 3:00 pm

The 100-voice Viva Voices Chorale and Chamber Ensemble perform a program of Christmas favorites with guest ensemble River's Edge Brass Band. Ticket information: vivavoices.net.



A Ceremony of Carols

Tuesday, December 16 | 12:10 pm

The sopranos and altos of the Christ Church Cathedral Choir are joined by harpist Elizabeth Motter to present Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*.



Elizabeth Motter, Harpist

December 2025

An Italian Christmas

Friday, December 19 | 7:30 pm

Saturday, December 20 | 2:00 pm

Music director Joe Miller leads Cincinnati's Vocal Arts Ensemble in a multi-sensory concert experience to celebrate the holidays. Ticket information: vaecinci.com.



CINCINNATI'S
**vocal arts
ensemble**

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 21

Pre-Service Organ Recital | 4:30 pm

Abraham Wallace, organist

Lessons and Carols | 5:00 pm

Sir Christèmas – William Mathias

This Is the Truth Sent from Above – arr. James Kirkby

The Blessed Son of God – Ralph Vaughan Williams

O Come, Divine Messiah – arr. Howard Helvey

A Tender Shoot – Kerensa Briggs

A Hymn to the Virgin – Benjamin Britten

God Would Be Born in Thee – Judith Bingham

The Shepherd's Carol – Bob Chilcott

The Three Kings – Peter Cornelius

Now May We Singen – Cecilia McDowall



**An Advent
Procession
with Lessons
and Carols**

December 2025

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24

Holy Eucharist | 4:00 pm

Anthems

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy – arr. David Blackwell

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen – arr. Donald Cashmore

Carols Before the Eucharist | 10:30 pm

This Is the Truth Sent from Above – arr. James Kirkby

The Angel's Message – Peter Pindar Stearns

Now May We Singen – Cecilia McDowall

Sir Christèmas – William Mathias

The Shepherd's Carol – Bob Chilcott

Verbum caro factum est – Tamsin Jones

Holy Eucharist | 11:00 pm

Service

Missa Brevis – Jonathan Dove

Anthems

In the Bleak Midwinter – Harold Darke

While Mary Slept – Helena Paish



Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25 | 10:00 am

Anthems

The Holly and the Ivy – arr. H. Walford Davies

Love Came Down at Christmas – Joanna Forbes L'Estrange





The Cathedral Choristers

This non-auditioned choir for young people (late elementary through middle school) sings alongside the other ensembles at the Cathedral and participates in worship once a month.

The Christ Church Singers

This non-auditioned ensemble sings several times a year.

The Cathedral Choir

The Cathedral Choir is an ensemble of auditioned adult professional and volunteer choristers who sing throughout the year. Auditions are held each summer.

High School Choral Scholars

The choral scholars are high school students who apprentice with the Cathedral Choir.

The Christ Church Gospel Ensemble

This ensemble specializes in Black Gospel and sings periodically during worship.

Learn more about our choirs:
cincinnaticathedral.com/music

January 2026

Music Live at Lunch

January 6 | Vincent Phelan (violin) & Steve Phillips (piano)

January 13 | Southbank Quartet

January 20 | The Faux Frenchmen

January 27 | Mika Komuro (piano)

The 86th Annual Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival

Saturday, January 3 | 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 4 | 2:30 & 5:00 pm

The annual Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival is a beloved Cincinnati tradition featuring choir, orchestra, and large costumed cast. Ticket information: 513.621.BOAR (2627) or boarsheadfestival.com.



An Epiphany Procession Sunday, January 11

Pre-Service Organ Recital | 4:30 pm

Ethan Mellema, organist

An Epiphany Procession | 5:00 pm

Canticles for the Epiphany Procession – Stephan Casurella

Magi veniunt ab oriente – Clemens non Papa

O nata lux – Anna Lapwood

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day – Richard Shephard

Set Me as a Seal – William Walton

Tribus miraculis – Luca Marenzio

Cana's Guest – Richard Allain

Seek Him That Maketh the

Seven Stars – Jonathan Dove



February 2026

Music Live at Lunch

February 3 | Students of the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music harpsichord and organ studios
February 10 | Cincinnati Recorder Consort
February 17 | Lagniappe
February 24 | Moyen Age

Choral Evensong

Sunday, February 1

Pre-Service Organ Recital | 4:30 pm (Sarah Simko)

Evensong | 5:00 pm

The Cathedral Choir

& the Choir of Hyde Park Community UMC

Phos hilaron

O Gracious Light – Ben Owen

Canticles

Magnificat & Nunc dimittis – Brenda Portman

Anthem

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies – arr. Paul Halley

Bach's Complete Motets

Friday, February 13 | 7:00 pm

Artistic director Matthew Phelps conducts the singers of Collegium Cincinnati in all six of Bach's motets. Ticket information: collegiumcincinnati.org.



February 2026

"Shrove Sunday" Jazz Mass
Sunday, February 15 | 10:00 am
featuring Theodicy Jazz Collective

Service

Canterbury Jazz Mass – William Z Cleary and Andrew K. Barnett

Anthems

What a Friend We Have in Jesus – arr. Andrew K. Barnett

Theodicy Jazz Collective
Sunday, February 15 | 4:00 pm

Theodicy Jazz Collective is joined by the Queen City Street Choir to perform a program of jazz with driving rhythm, nuanced solos, and soulful song. Suggested donation: \$15.



Theodicy Jazz Collective



QUEEN CITY STREET CHOIR

March 2026

Music Live at Lunch

March 3 | James Loughery (jazz piano)
March 10 | Laney and the Tramps
March 17 | Boutique
March 24 | Heri et Hodie (women's vocal ensemble)
March 31 | Jimmy Leach Trio

Choral Evensong

Sunday, March 1

Pre-Service Organ Recital | 4:30 pm (Michael Unger)

Evensong | 5:00 pm

The Cathedral Choir

& the Ascension and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Choir

Phos hilaron

O Gracious Light – Roland E. Martin

Canticles

The Selwyn Service – Stephanie Martin

Anthem

O for a Closer Walk with God – Grayston Ives

Concordia Choir

Wednesday, March 4 | 7:00 pm

Michael Culloton conducts the renowned 70-voice Concordia Choir of Moorhead, Minnesota during their 16-day national tour of the Northeast United States. Ticket information: concordiatickets.com.



March 2026

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday **Sunday, March 29 | 10:00 am**

Introit

Hosanna filio David – Tomás Luis de Victoria

Anthems

Crucifixus a 8 – Antonio Lotti

Were You There? – arr. Bob Chilcott

Stabat Mater **Sunday, March 29 | 3:00 pm**

Cathedral director of music Stephan Casurella conducts Pergolesi's beloved *Stabat Mater* and a setting of the same text for choir, strings, and harp by Paul Mealor. Suggested donation: \$15.





HOLY WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Walk the sacred journey from Palm Sunday to Easter with us.

Join us as we remember Christ's passion, death, and resurrection through powerful liturgies, moving music, and moments of deep reflection.

From the waving of palms to the solemn beauty of the Triduum and the glory of Easter morning, Holy Week invites us into the heart of our faith.

All are welcome—whether you've journeyed this path before or are discovering it for the first time.

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**PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 29, 2026**



**MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 2, 2026**



**GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 3, 2026**



**THE GREAT VIGIL
OF EASTER
APRIL 4, 2026**



**EASTER DAY
APRIL 5, 2026**

April 2026

Music Live at Lunch

April 7 | Wild Carrot

April 14 | Queen City Vintage Vibe

April 21 | Covington High School Choir

April 28 | Donald Broerman (guitar) & Michael Ronstadt (cello)

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2 | 7:00 pm

Anthems

Ubi caritas – Ola Gjeilo

Anthems at the Mandatum – Nicholas White

Ave verum – Philip Stopford

O sacrum convivium – Stephanie Martin

Good Friday

Friday, April 3

Good Friday Liturgy | 12:00 pm

Passion

St. John Passion – David Price

Anthems

Adoramus te, Christe – Claudio Monteverdi

Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs – Eleanor Daley

Choral Evensong | 7:00 pm

Canticles

Magnificat & Nunc dimittis – Caleb Burhans

Anthem

Super flumina Babylonis – Caleb Burhans

April 2026

The Great Vigil of Easter **Saturday, April 4 | 7:00 pm**

Anthems

Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem – Charles Villiers Stanford
O Voice of the Beloved – Grayston Ives

Easter Day **Sunday, April 5 | 10:00 am**

Service

The Truro Eucharist – David Briggs

Anthems

Hilariter – Richard Wayne Dirksen
Now the Green Blade Riseth – arr. Simon Lindley

Organ Recital **Sunday, April 26 | 3:00 pm**

Director of music Stephan Casurella performs on both Cathedral organs: C. B. Fisk Op. 148 and Richards, Fowkes & Co. Opus 24. Suggested donation: \$15.





FRIENDS OF MUSIC

Most of the music events in our 2025-2026 season are offered at no charge thanks, in part, to generous contributions to the Cathedral's Friends of Music Fund. You, too, can become a Friend of Music with your donation to support programming outside the Cathedral's annual budget.

Donate a one-time or recurring gift online at cincinnaticathedral.com/give or with your smartphone by texting [giveccc](https://cincinnaticathedral.com/give) to 73256 and selecting Friends of Music or by writing a check to Christ Church Cathedral (memo: "Friends of Music").

GENERAL INFORMATION

Unless otherwise indicated, choral music during worship services is sung by the Cathedral Choir.

Unless otherwise indicated, all events are offered at no charge and do not require advance reservation.



May 2026

Music Live at Lunch

May 5 | Estrada do Sol

May 12 | Nick Greenberg Trio

May 19 | Pork City Slim

May 26 | Mitchell Sturges (tenor)

Choral Evensong

Sunday, May 3

Pre-Service Organ Recital | 4:30 pm (Kirsten Marron)

Evensong | 5:00 pm

Phos hilaron

O Gracious Light – Stephan Casurella

Responses

Stephan Casurella

Canticles

Magnificat & Nunc dimittis in D – George Dyson

Anthem

The Lord Is My Shepherd – Charles Villiers Stanford

Ascension Day

Thursday, May 14 | 7:00 pm

The Cathedral Choir

& the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer Choir

Anthems

O, Clap Your Hands – Ralph Vaughan Williams

Ascendens Christus in altum – Raffaella Aleotti

The Day of Pentecost

Sunday, May 24 | 10:00 am

Introit

Pentecost Carol – arr. Richard Proulx

Anthems

Tongues of Fire and Hearts of Love – Stephan Casurella

Loquebantur variis linguis – Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina



COLLEGIUM CINCINNATI

Matthew Phelps, Artistic Director

Collegium Cincinnati, an ensemble-in-residence at the Cathedral, is a vibrant musical organization that serves the Greater Cincinnati region. From the masterworks of the Renaissance and Baroque to world premieres of newly written works, the Collegium's singers and instrumentalists led by artistic director Matthew Phelps present moving musical events that captivate audiences and enrich the community.

Collegium Cincinnati receives generous support from Christ Church Cathedral's Friends of Music Fund.




Collegium Cincinnati



Summer 2026

Summer Music Camp **Monday, June 22 - Friday, June 26**

Children ages 8 to 14 are invited to come spend a week at the cathedral to sing, play instruments, create art, and explore their faith. During this week, campers will go on field trips to notable music venues around Cincinnati, and even help construct a playable pipe organ.

The camp will conclude with an afternoon concert showcasing everything the campers learned over the week. For more information, please contact Abraham Wallace at awallace@cccath.org.





CATHEDRAL MUSIC STAFF

Music is an integral part of who we are at Christ Church Cathedral. When we gather for worship, we sing together exuberantly as a congregation. Our choirs offer a variety of superb literature from the Anglican cathedral tradition and beyond, and our musical instruments give voice to emotions ranging from joyous praise to deep lament. Our music staff is proud to work together to bring you these wonderful offerings.

Stephan Casurella
Canon
Precentor &
Director of
Music



"Music reaches into the depths of our hearts, opening us to experiences of transcendent beauty and connecting us to the divine."
- Stephan Casurella

Abraham Wallace
Associate
Director of
Music



"We are pleased to offer so many concerts and services this year, as we continue to serve as a spiritual, musical, and social hub for the community." - Abraham Wallace

Kirsten Marron
Associate
Musician &
Sacred Arts
Coordinator



"It is a privilege to continue to work to maintain a safe place to come together and share music that is not only beautiful, but timely." - Kirsten Marron

Doug Bruestle
Music
Administrator



"It is a delight to share so much poignant and powerful music with the good people of Cincinnati." - Doug Bruestle

Ethan Mellema
Organ
Scholar



"I'm incredibly honored to join the team this year, and to be part of a community where music is not only beautiful but also meaningful." - Ethan Mellema



CONNECT WITH THE CATHEDRAL

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