

A photograph of the interior of Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, showing the nave with its high vaulted ceiling, arched windows with stained glass, and rows of pews. The lighting is warm and ambient, highlighting the architectural details.

SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL MUSIC SERIES 2025-2026 SEASON

A SEASON OF SACRED SOUND
AND ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE



Welcome!

Welcome to our 54th season of concerts at St. Mark's Cathedral on Loring Park.

At St. Mark's we have a strong tradition of excellence in sacred music, and our mission is to share that music in our sacred space. Cathedrals throughout the ages have been places of beauty in their architecture, art, and music, enabling worshipers and visitors to be lifted into the nearer presence of God.

Music is able to flourish at St. Mark's Cathedral due to the generous pledges of members and supporters to the operating budget; this financial support enables us to present the finest choral music in our services - Masses, Evensongs, and Carol Services.

Our concert series is supported financially by the generosity of those people above and beyond their pledges, income from ticket sales, and annual gifts of friends who love music and wish to support us in our mission to present excellent music for the community at little or no cost.

I hope you will consider becoming a Friend of St. Mark's Music Series. Your tax deductible gift helps to underwrite rehearsal and performance costs, fees for professional orchestras, and the appearance of guest soloists.

As a Friend of St. Mark's Music Series you can help us to ensure that our rich tradition and performance excellence will continue to grow and serve the musical life of the Twin Cities community for years to come.

Thank you for your support.

Raymond Johnston



MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

Cathedral Choir

In addition to its liturgical responsibilities, this remarkable choir, comprising around 30 voices, regularly participates in our concerts.

Choral Society

The Cathedral Choral Society is a community-based symphonic chorus that operates on a volunteer basis at Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral. Established in 1970, it is one of the longest-running choral groups in the Twin Cities. We warmly welcome new singers!

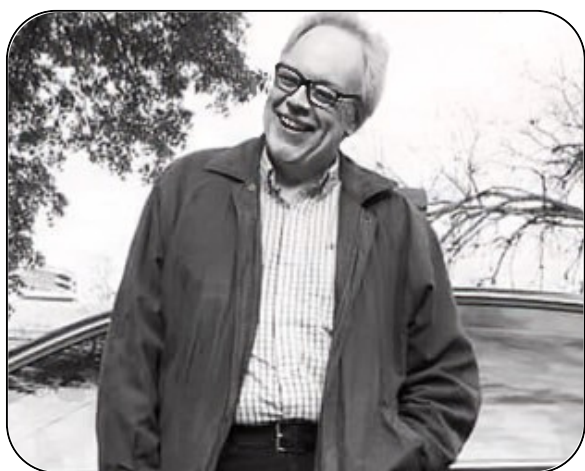
Canon Musician

Raymond Johnston, our Canon Musician, is a skilled Music Director with extensive experience in cathedrals, churches, and educational institutions. As a teacher, performer, conductor, speaker, and composer, he holds an M.A. from Cambridge University, is a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists, and has earned a Licentiate from the Royal Academy of Music.

MUSIC IN LITURGY

Music plays an important part in the services at the Cathedral; it transcends mere sound and beauty to create a profound, inspiring, and transformative experience.

Choral services include the weekly Sunday 10:30am Eucharist and 5pm Choral Evensong, the Advent Carol Service, the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, Eucharists for Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, All Souls Day and Ascension Day. Holy Week events include a sung service of Tenebrae and a devotional presentation on Good Friday evening.



Raymond Johnston
Organ Recital
Sept 14 2:30pm

Raymond Johnston, Saint Mark's own Canon Musician, is sure to delight with a spectacular organ performance!

Free Admission

Dan Friberg
Clarinet Recital
Sept 28 2:30pm

Clarinetist and Minneapolis native, Daniel Friberg has performed across the United States and in South Korea, Russia, the Czech Republic, Belgium, Hungary, Austria, Italy and France. Among his many accomplishments, Dan was a fellow of the Belgian American Education Foundation (B.A.E.F.), studying with Eddy Vanoosthuyse, Frank Coryn, and Vincenzo Casale at the Royal Ghent Conservatory of Music in Belgium. Dan is accompanied by Brian De Young.

Free Admission



Mark Billy
Vocal Recital
Oct 12 2:30pm

Mark Billy, leading Indigenous baritone of his generation will return as recitalist in Saint Mark's Music Series. He will perform an array of music for solo baritone and other instruments, some of which will highlight music of living Indigenous composers. Accompanist - Raymond Johnston

Free Admission





Elizabeth Wolff
Piano Recital
Oct 26 2:30pm

Pianist ELIZABETH WOLFF has developed a large following both as a chamber musician and as a soloist. She has collaborated with such noted string quartets as the Shanghai, the Brunswick, the Rosamonde, and the Zapolski, and has participated in music festivals including Music Mountain, Aspen, Music at La Gesse, Mohonk, The Beethoven Festival, and the Festival de Musique en Lorraine.

Free Admission

Richard Gray
Organ Recital
Nov 9 2:30pm

Richard Gray is Director of Music and Organist at St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in St. Paul. He has performed concerts in notable venues throughout the United States including Charlotte's Myers Park Baptist Church, Washington DC's National City Christian Church, Cleveland's The Church of the Covenant, Boston's Trinity Church on Copley Square, and The Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul, Charleston, SC.

Free Admission



Mill City Quartet
String Recital
Nov 16 2:30pm

This dynamic performance will transport you through vibrant Spanish dance rhythms, soulful African melodies, and bold modern classical works. With a program celebrating both renowned and underrepresented composers, MCSQ brings passion, precision, and heart to every note. Don't miss this thrilling fusion of global sounds and string virtuosity!

Free Admission



Saint Mark's Cathedral Concert Series Presents

A Great British Christmas

December 20 at 7:30pm

Brother Heinrich's Christmas - Rutter
Nutcracker Suite - Tchaikovsky
Selections from Messiah - Handel
Carols with audience participation

Cathedral Choir, Choral Society, and Orchestra
directed by Raymond Johnston

Tickets available online or at the door
\$25 13 and older

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Lady Slipper Ensemble

Music Recital

Jan 18 2:30pm

Ladyslipper Ensemble is a Twin Cities classical music chamber group dedicated to uncovering lost works and introducing audiences to new & rarely heard pieces in intimate settings.

Free Admission

Andrew Sords

Violin Recital

Feb 15 2:30pm

ROMANCE OF THE VIOLIN - Violinist Andrew Sords brings quintessentially romantic sonatas & showpieces by Dvorak, Brahms, Chopin, and Sarasate to his St. Mark's début. Experienced as a soloist with nearly 300 orchestras worldwide and as a recitalist from Manhattan to Melbourne, Sords illuminates each work with anecdotes and humor.

Free Admission



Lake Wobegon Brass Band

Music Recital

Mar 7 7:30pm

The Lake Wobegon® Brass Band is thrilled to return to St. Mark's. Founded in 1992 and based in Anoka, the 30-member band follows traditional British brass band instrumentation and plays a wide variety of music, from serious repertoire and contest pieces to hymn tunes and marches, and everything in between.

Free Admission



FUNdraiser Concert

Mar 14 | 7:30pm

Help the Cathedral Choir get to London for their week-long residency at St. Paul's Cathedral

What's the FUN in this FUNdraiser?
Be there to find out!

LONDON

Help me
go to sing
in LONDON



Music for Good Friday

Choral

Apr 3 7:30pm

The Crucifixion - John Stainer
 Nicholas Chalmers - Tenor, Andrew Kane -
 Bass, St. Mark's Cathedral Choir, directed by
 Raymond Johnston

Free Admission

Lux String Quartet

String Recital

Apr 19 2:30pm

Lux String Quartet is a Twin-Cities based ensemble that brings a dynamic edge to performance and education. The group is committed to performing 20th and 21st-century repertoire and works by living composers, including Twin Cities' David Evan Thomas and the Dean of Music at The Juilliard School, David Ludwig. In the 24/25 season, the quartet premiered the first work written for and dedicated to Lux, Confessions of a Pangolin by Australian composer, Nicholas Vines.

Free Admission



Maria Jette

Vocal Recital

May 3 2:30pm

AN IMAGINARY SOIRÉE AT DOWNTON ABBEY

What would Lady Mary's guests have enjoyed at a Downton Abbey soirée? In the Golden Age of English song, Stanford, Parry and Vaughan Williams rang out in the parlor as well as the cathedral— along with their theatrical colleagues from the West End.

Thrill to a sexy Bedouin sheik galloping past a mysterious Lost Chord...a warbling blackbird...a talking monkey...dear little fairies, horrible children, creepy stalkers, and a taste of the Adele of the Edwardian era, the great Dame Clara Butt. Accompanied by Raymond Johnston.

Free Admission



Saint Mark's Cathedral Concert Series Presents

Season Finale

May 30 | 7:30pm

Elijah

Felix Mendelssohn

Katie Boardman, Alyssa Anderson, Nicholas Chalmers, and Andrew Kane - soloists
Cathedral Choir, Choral Society, and Orchestra

directed by Raymond Johnston

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Many Saint Mark's Cathedral Music Series concerts are free. Complimentary tickets may be used for select ticketed Music Series concerts.

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Sponsor	\$250 - 499	4
Sustainer	\$100 - 249	2
Friend	\$25 - 99	0

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Support the Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral Music Series

The Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral Music Series offers a fantastic opportunity for the community to gather and appreciate the beauty of music in an incredibly picturesque environment. By supporting this series, you not only help guarantee that the music plays on for years to come, but you also contribute to the enhancement and enrichment of the community's cultural life.

A Diverse Musical Experience

The Cathedral Music Series showcases a variety of musicians and musical styles, ensuring there's something for everyone. The remarkable acoustics of Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral further elevate the listening experience.

Your support can manifest in various ways, whether it's attending concerts, spreading the word, or making a direct donation to the series. Every bit of assistance is immensely valued and plays a significant role in helping this vital cultural institution flourish.



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