



SAINT MARK'S CATHEDRAL MUSIC SERIES

2026-2027 SEASON

55 Years
of
Musical Excellence





Dear friends,

I'm delighted to introduce you to the 55th annual season of our Music Series.

Cathedrals are traditionally places where the arts thrive. Here at St. Mark's, we are fortunate to have a rich music program grounded in the Anglican tradition of cathedral choral music. Under the leadership of our Canon Musician, Raymond Johnston, this music lifts our souls and expands our experience of God, ourselves, and the world around us. We are so pleased to be able to share sacred music in a sacred space: both during our liturgies and in regular offerings throughout the year.

Your generous pledges toward our operating budget ensure that music continues to flourish in this sacred and special place. Your financial support enables us to present the finest choral music in our regular and proper liturgies.

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.

If, as Dostoevsky wrote in *The Idiot*, beauty will save the world, our Music Series and our liturgies are one effort to bring that salvation to birth. We hope you will join us in the work of healing the world through beauty.

Yours,

The Very Reverend Aidan Owen

Dean-Elect



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.

Saint Mark's Cathedral Concert Series Presents

Choir of Christ Church Cathedral- Oxford

**We are thrilled to welcome the Choir of
Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford as they
celebrate their 500th Anniversary Year!**

Friday, September 25, 2026 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$20

**Available on Eventbrite, Bookshop
and at the door**





Oct 4, 2026 2:30pm

Pianist Oleg Levin maintains a vibrant performance schedule in the Twin Cities area, both as a soloist and chamber musician. He is also Adjunct Professor of Piano at Concordia University, Saint Paul.

Free Admission



Oct 18, 2026 2:30pm

Celebrated for its artistry, virtuosity, and exquisitely blended sound, the ANCIA Saxophone Quartet has delighted audiences throughout North America, Europe, and Asia for more than a quarter century. Dedicated to the creation and performance of new works for saxophone quartet, ANCIA works in collaboration with composers to premiere, perform, and record the music of our time.

Free Admission



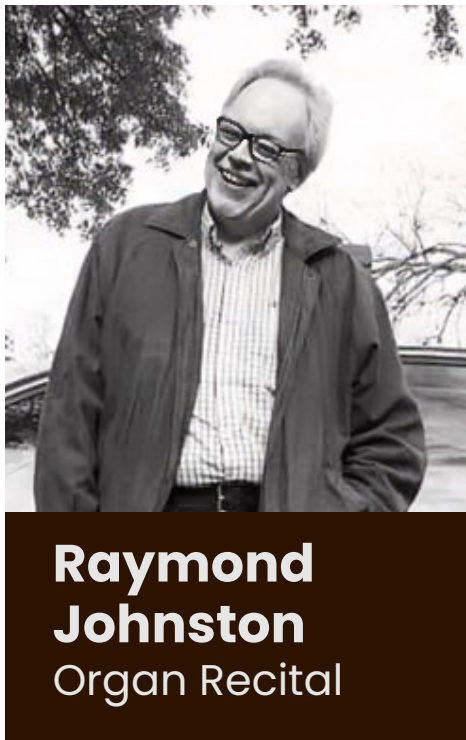
Nov 8, 2026 2:30pm

Violinist Andrew Sords brings quintessentially romantic sonatas by Lili Boulanger, Beethoven and de Falla 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

**Don't miss the Great British Christmas
December 12th!**

full details available on our standalone event page



Dec 20, 2026 2:30pm

Saint Mark's own Raymond Johnston performs La Nativité du Seigneur, Messiaen's 9 movement cycle of meditations on the Incarnation.

Free Admission

Saint Mark's Cathedral Concert Series Presents

A Great British Christmas

December 12 at 7:30pm

**Featuring Gloria by John Rutter
and other festive gems
Audience participation is required!**

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

**Tickets available online,
in the bookshop or at the door
\$25 (13 and older)**





**Joel
Anderson**
Organ Recital

January 24, 2027 2:30pm

Join us in welcoming Joel Anderson in his debut with the Saint Mark's Music Series. Joel is the Director of Music and Principal Organist for St. Olaf Catholic Church, Minneapolis

Free Admission

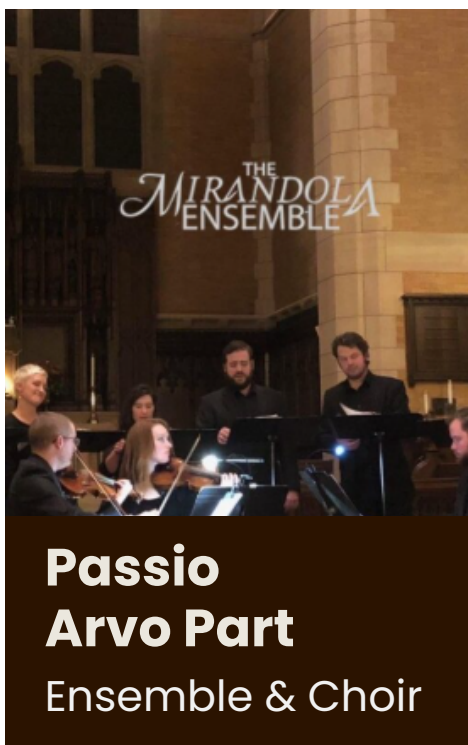


**Carrie Vecchione
Rolf Erdahl**
Oboe/Bass Recital

February 7, 2027 2:30pm

OboeBass! has performed recitals and residencies across the State of Minnesota as Recipients of Arts Tour Minnesota, Artist Initiative, Next Step, and Arts Learning Grants from the Minnesota State Arts Board and Metropolitan Regional Arts Council. Other awards include Jerome Composers Commissioning Program Grant, an Encore Grant, and Subito Grants from the American Composers Forum.

Free Admission



February 27, 2027 7:30pm

A presentation of Arvo Pärt's hypnotic masterwork *Passio*, one of the greatest late-twentieth-century choral works. Mirandola is proud to once again collaborate with the University of Minnesota Chamber Singers and the Chamber Singers of Chesterton Academy for this performance.

Tickets TBD

*We are excited to host this event.
Patron tickets do not apply*



March 7, 2027 2:30pm

DNA - The Music That Makes Us

A program of music by Jessie Montgomery, Annie Gosfield, Florence Price, and Augusta Read Thomas.

Free Admission



**Music for
Good Friday**

March 26, 2027 7:30pm

Via Crucis - Franz Liszt
Saint Mark's Cathedral Singers
Director – Raymond Johnston

Free Admission



**Chamber
Music
Recital**

April 11, 2027 2:30pm

An afternoon of Chamber Music
Works by Rebecca Clarke, Robert
Whitcomb, and Robert Schumann

Ben Odhner, Herdís Guðmundsdóttir,
Violins
David Auerbach, Viola
Erik Wheeler, Cello
Daniel Rieppel, piano

Free Admission



**Lumen
Antiqua**
Vocal Recital

April 25, 2027 2:30pm

Lumen Antiqua is a professional vocal trio based in Minneapolis, weaving ancient light into modern sound. Founded in 2025 by Rachel Farhi, Jessi McKinnon, and Becca Tobin, they explore a cappella music for three treble voices drawn from across time and place – from medieval chant and Renaissance polyphony to global folk traditions and contemporary works.

Free Admission



**David
Goodenough**
Organ Recital

May 2, 2027 2:30pm

David Goodenough enjoys a distinguished and varied career as an organist, educator and examiner. Over more than forty years of service to the Church, he has held posts in cathedrals and parish churches across England and Scotland, and was appointed as Director of Music at St John's. In the past year he has performed with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra and the Royal Northern Sinfonia, and was the organist for the opening concert of the recent Edinburgh International Festival.

Free Admission

Saint Mark's Cathedral Concert Series Presents

Season Finale

May 15 | 7:30pm

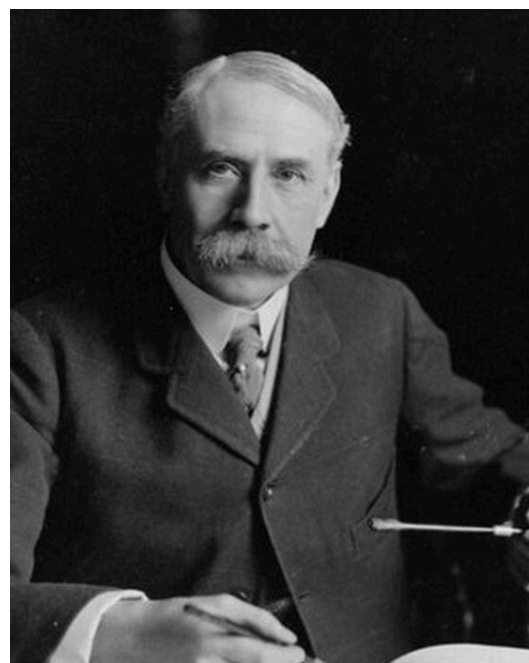
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THE DREAM OF GERONTIUS

Alyssa Anderson, Nicholas Chalmers, and
Andrew Kane - soloists
Cathedral Choir, Choral Society, and Orchestra
directed by Raymond Johnston

Tickets \$25 (13 and older)

Tickets available online
the bookshop or at the door



OTHER NOTABLE MUSICAL SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sundays at 10:30am

Choral Eucharist sung by the Cathedral Choir

Sept 13 - May 23, 2027 Sundays 5:00pm

Choral Evensong sung by members of the Cathedral Choir

Oct 26, 2026 7:30pm

Voces 8 U.S. Scholars (presented by the Bach Society)

Tickets \$25 at <https://bit.ly/4A45MWJ>

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November 2, 2026, 7:30pm

All Souls Eucharist to include a performance of Requiem by Maurice Duruflé sung by the Cathedral Choir

Nov 29, 2026 5:00pm

Advent Lessons and Carols

Dec 24, 2026 4:00pm

Nine Lessons and Carols

Mar 21-28, 2027 See website for times

Holy Week Services

JOIN FRIENDS OF THE MUSIC SERIES

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Thank you for your support!

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

Membership Level	Donation Amount	Complimentary Tickets
Angel	\$2500 or more	10
Guarantor	\$1000 - 2499	8
Benefactor	\$500 - 999	6
Sponsor	\$250 - 499	4
Sustainer	\$100 - 249	2
Friend	\$25 - 99	0

Checks may be mailed to:
Saint Mark's Cathedral
c/o Music Series
519 Oak Grove Street
Minneapolis, MN 55403
or use the QR code.



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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