



Music and Arts at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

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To the Trinity be praise!
God is music,
God is life that nurtures
every creature in its kind.
Our God is the song
of the angel throng
and the splendor of secret ways
hid from humankind,
But God our life is the life of all.

Saint Hildegard of Bingen

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Cathedral Arts

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"Concerts in Churches are desirable manifestations of the sacredness of art, the evangelical mission of the Church, and an exemplary form of outreach to the community.

In addition to the great corpus of musical literature for liturgical use, there has also been created a unique repertoire which requires the ambience of the sacred space and which is rarely effective in the concert hall: cantatas, oratorios, passion settings, concerti "da chiesa," liturgical music-dramas, and the vast storehouse of Pipe Organ literature."

Conference of Roman Catholic Cathedral Musicians

The Cathedral Arts program endeavors to present instrumental and choral music from the rich tradition of Western Liturgy and inspired classical music in a suitable visual and acoustic environment

About Us

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BISHOP JAMES V. JOHNSTON, JR.
Bishop of Kansas City- St. Joseph

FR. PAUL TURNER
Cathedral Pastor

DR. MARIO PEARSON
Director of Music, Liturgy and Principal Organist



Liturgical Music

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A varied program of music to celebrate faith, inspire, and uplift souls

Cantors, Choirs, and Instrumentalists

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CANTORS

Cathedral cantors from the parish community and many parishes around the diocese volunteer leading the community's sung prayer during the sacred liturgy.

SCHOLA CANTORUM

The Schola is made up of area professional singers who lead the music for the weekend 2:30 pm and 11 am Masses at the Cathedral. They sing the treasury of church music as quartets and octets and combine for Christmas and concerts

INSTRUMENTALISTS

The Cathedral is blessed with many volunteers who assist our celebrations as staff organists and instrumentalists



Annual Events

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French Organ Music Festival

4th Sunday of August
2 pm-5 pm

All Souls Remembrance Mass

with the Faure Requiem
November 2 at 7 pm

Prelude To Christmas Concert

2nd Thursday in December at 7:00 pm

Lenten Concert

A Friday in Lent at 7:00 pm

Brass and Pipes Concert

As scheduled. Watch the bulletin for details

Music Ministry Mission

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The Cathedral presents several in house concerts throughout the year to build community, evangelize and share music.

Many events are presented at a minimal cost, or a free will donation

Scan the QR to make a donation to the Cathedral's music program





Outreach Programs

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Missa Choralis

Cathedrals have historically been the home to many talented choirs and instrumentalists. The Missa Choralis or Choir Mass welcomes local choral groups and touring groups who are visiting or traveling through the Kansas City area. They share their talents with those who come to the Cathedral to worship, visit and pray

Acoustics Tour

A tour of the Cathedral from the Lees Summit School District for high school choral students to hear the organ and to experience singing in a buoyant acoustic

Cathedral Tours

A tour sharing the rich history and architecture of the Cathedral that occasionally includes a demonstration of the Cathedral Ruffatti pipe organ

Hosted Concerts

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FRIENDS OF CHAMBER MUSIC

For over two decades the Cathedral has been the home for concerts presented by the Friends of Chamber Music organization. Audiences are thrilled to hear performances in our beautiful cathedral by the internationally renowned groups like the Tallis Scholars, Trio Medieval, and Ensemble Correspondence

WILLIAM BAKER FESTIVAL SINGERS

The William Baker Festival Singers concerts are a staple in the community. They present Christmas and Spring concerts in the Cathedral

KANTOREI CHORAL INSTITUTE

The Kantorei organization promotes the art of choral singing in summer programs for elementary, high school, and college aged singers in the area. Following a week of intensive rehearsals led by renowned clinicians the groups gather for an inspiring concert performance in the Cathedral