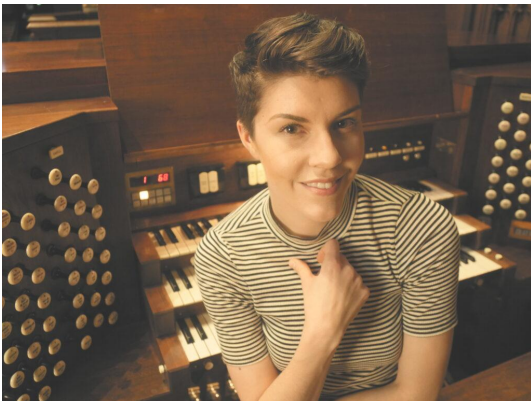




The Choir School of Hartford Fall 2022 Newsletter



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Letter from the Music Director:

Greetings, Choir School Community!

I am so thrilled to be starting another program year with our fabulous choristers. Every year it is a joy to welcome in new choristers and bittersweet to miss our choristers who have recently graduated and are now attending college. Celine and Chi-Chi, your presence is still very much still with us!

I am proud to announce 4 new choristers in our program this year. At the time I am writing this, we have only been rehearsing for about a month, but they are already building great friendships and strong musical foundations.

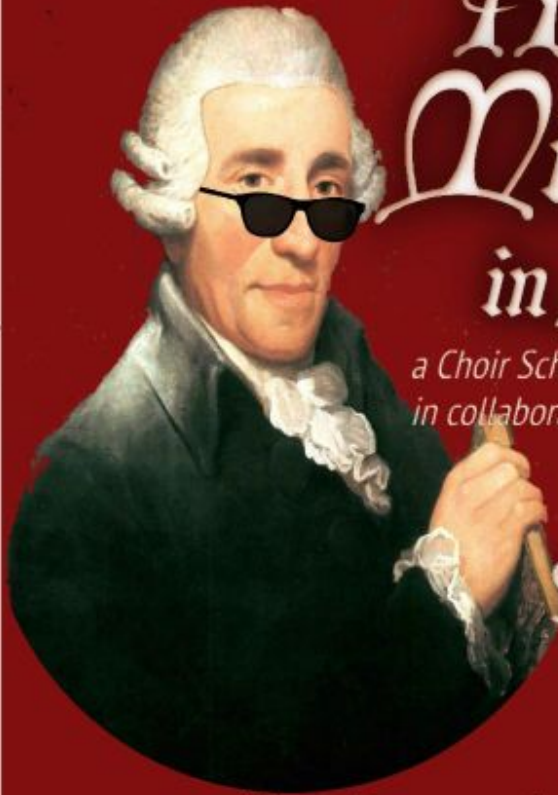
Choir Course Week (August 22-26) was packed with all sorts of activities every day from 9:00am-5:00pm. There were sessions on conducting, handbells, percussion, as well as workshops on spatial awareness, miniature organ building, conversations about consonance and dissonance, studies in harmonic progressions and melody shape, and a project to compose an original piece of music by the end of the week. Our guests this year were **Sarah Kaufold** (Music Director of Consonare Choral Community and Voices of Concinnity), who led a session on vocal color, overtones, and the harmonic series; **Gabriel Löfvall** (Music Director of Chorus Angelicus and St. Patrick-St. Anthony), who led a session of Hispanic choral repertoire; **John Michael Walker** (Tenor Section Leader at Trinity Episcopal Church) who taught us about International Phonetic Alphabet; and **Benjamin Rauch** (lecturer and conductor at **The Hartt School**) who offered a vocal masterclass. We are so grateful for their coaching!

On September 11th, our choristers sang their first Sunday service of the season and celebrated at a reception afterward. In the weeks since, we've sung works by Pitoni, Hairston, Hurford, Tye, and Maultsby as well as folk songs from East Africa, Argentina, and Latvia. We're looking forward to some fun events on the horizon, including **Open Bell Day** on Sunday, October 9th at 9am, when we invite our friends and families to ring bells with us. We've also begun preparation for **Haydn's Missa Brevis: a Choir School Fundraiser Concert** on Sunday, November 20th at 4pm. In this concert, we will be joined by the Trinity Adult Choir, guest singers from other communities, a professional string ensemble, and 2 professional soloists. A reception will follow the concert with all kinds of delicious goodies to eat and drink. And then, for the Christmas season, we are doing an **Advent Choral Evensong** on December 11th at 5:00pm in addition to a festive **Christmas Eve service** at 10:00pm, with a mini concert beforehand at 9:30pm.

We are ever grateful for the parents & guardians, board members, donors, Trinity Episcopal Church, and the larger community for helping us keep this program strong. Thank you, all, for your continued support.



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Haydn's Missa Brevis in F major

*a Choir School of Hartford fundraiser concert
in collaboration with Trinity Adult Choir & guests*

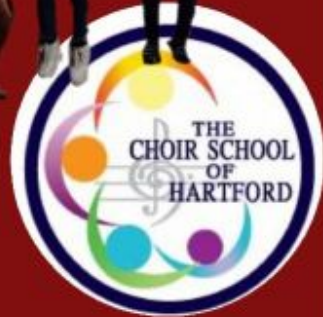
4:00-5:15pm

Sunday, Nov. 20th
















*suggested donation \$20
followed by a reception of snacks, games, and raffle items*



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Levels of Giving

Donation Level	Value	
 <p>White Level (Up to \$50)</p>	<p>= One chorister's set of 5 curriculum books</p>	<p>\$47.00 + shipping (GIA Publications)</p> 
 <p>Light Blue Level (\$51-\$100)</p>	<p>= One chorister's tailored vestments (cassock and cotta)</p>	<p>\$95.00 + shipping (CM Almy)</p> 
 <p>Dark Blue Level (\$101-\$250)</p>	<p>= A used, 61-note practice keyboard for 1 chorister's piano lessons</p>	<p>\$230 + shipping (Guitar Center)</p> 
 <p>Red Level (\$250-\$500)</p>	<p>= One year of stipends for a chorister leader (Prefect or Head Chorister)</p>	<p>\$15/wk for 36 weeks of rehearsals & services = \$540</p> 
 <p>Yellow Level (\$501-\$1000)</p>	<p>= One year of weekly, individual piano lessons for one chorister</p>	<p>\$25 per lesson for 36 weeks = \$960</p> 
 <p>Bronze Level (\$1001-\$2500)</p>	<p>= Cost of Choir Course Week facilitators and supplies</p>	<p>\$400-\$500 for guest facilitators, ~\$300 in snacks/drinks, and ~\$250 in supplies (choir folders, pencils, notebooks, etc.) = \$1,050</p>
 <p>Silver Level (\$2501-\$5000)</p>	<p>= Total Cost for overnight NYC trip in January to perform at the Chorister Festival</p>	<p>~\$1,500 in hotel costs, \$376 in train tickets, ~\$600 in meals, \$195 in application fee = \$2,671</p> 
 <p>Gold Level (\$5,000+)</p>	<p>= Cost for 1 chorister, per year to be in The Choir School of Hartford (with our current size and budget)</p>	<p>Music director salary, admin salary, cost of piano lessons & supplies, cost of curriculum, chorister stipends, instrument upkeep, vestments, bank fees, promotion, etc. = \$66,000 per year (\$5,500 per kid for 12 total)</p> 



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Our program wouldn't be possible without your support! For a full list of donors or to make a donation, click [HERE](#).

The Choir School of Hartford is a non-profit organization. and all gifts are tax deductible. Your generosity supports weekly one-on-one piano lessons, sheet music, chorister trips, guest musicians, and supplies.

With your help, we're able to keep this program FREE for all choristers.



Recent Graduates

Two of our recent Choir School graduates, Celine and Margaret, performed a duet before their semesters started. We are so proud of your accomplishments, musical and otherwise, and are excited to cheer you on as you pursue your degrees!

Margaret is currently studying at Eastern Connecticut State University in Windham, CT, and is in her sophomore year. Celine is a student at the University of St. Joseph, here in Hartford, CT. She is in her freshman year.

While at The Choir School of Hartford, both Celine and Margaret held positions of leadership - Margaret as Prefect (2020-2021) and Celine as Head Chorister (2021-2022)



Audition for The Choir School of Hartford

We are looking for 4-6 new choristers in the 2022-2023 season!

If interested, please email: MHorsley@TrinityHartford.Org.



The Choir School of Hartford is a non-profit organization, offering tuition-free music education for children and youth between the ages of 8–18 with musical potential.

We rehearse every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00-7:30pm as well as Sundays from 9:00-9:45am for weekly 10:00am services. Our season runs from September - June, with a week-long course in late August.

Auditions take about 20-30mins and include sight-reading, scales, rhythm exercises, and a brief conversation about the applicant's musical interests/experience.

The program offers:

- free, weekly 1/2hr piano lessons (includes a keyboard)
- intensive choral training
- solo/small ensemble opportunities
- exposure to a variety of choral styles and traditions
- development of leadership skills through mentorship
- weekly performance experience
- awards for achievement
- Voice for Life curriculum from RSCM-America
- travel opportunities for special concerts and trips



For more information, visit:
www.ChoirSchoolOfHartford.org

A Word from Our President

Music gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the

imagination, and life to everything. - Plato

What a wonderful way to describe the Choir School of Hartford! Thank you, Plato.

The CSH curriculum and structure are generative and stimulate the hearts, minds and imaginations of the Choristers. They grow in wisdom and creativity in the program while delighting our earth-bound ears and the spirit of the universe.

We are all excited about the opportunities for the Choristers to grow through learning music and performing in this new year.



While our program is free to the Choristers, we have expenses related to the ongoing operations of the Choir School and encourage you to donate now by clicking [HERE](#). By doing so, you will help us continue to give soul to the universe, stimulate the creativity of the young people, and benefit all those who are inspired by their music.

Many thanks,

Susan Post
President, The Choir School of Hartford



The Choir School of Hartford Mission Statement

Our mission is to engage young singers from diverse backgrounds; to develop self-discipline, self-confidence, and self-expression; to enrich with an understanding of teamwork and community; and to inspire a love of music and the pursuit of excellence.



Coming soon...

The Choir School of Hartford
at
The Cathedral of St. John the Divine

Chorister Festival 2023
NEW YORK CITY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2023

Thank you
for your
continued
support!

Choristers of the
2022-2023 Season:

Adalia
Faith
Isabella
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Sophie
Julieta
Krista
Austin
Franklin
Olivia
Adrian



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