

2005 Concert Schedule

The Cathedral Choir School of Delaware was recently recognized as one of fifty top arts-and-humanities-based programs in the country serving youth beyond the school hours by the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities.

For ticket and venue information, and an up-to-date concert list, please call The Cathedral Choir School of Delaware at (302) 654-6279 extension 118.

February

- 18 Absalom Jones Celebration Concert to Benefit Debnam House (Friday, 8:00 p.m.)
Cathedral Church of Saint John, Wilmington
Tickets are \$15, \$25 Patrons and \$50 Benefactors
Event features soprano Dawn Padmore and boys and girls from the Cathedral Choir School of Delaware

March

- 4-5 Diocesan Acolyte and Choir Festival for Children and Youth with clinician Dan Moriarty
Choral Evensong on March 5 (Saturday, 3:00 p.m.), which includes the commissioning of all acolytes and choristers by Bishop Wayne Wright
Cathedral Church of Saint John, Wilmington

Holy Week Liturgies at Cathedral Church of Saint John, Wilmington:

- 24 Maundy Thursday (7:00 p.m. Service)

- 26 The Great Vigil of Easter (Saturday, 8:00 p.m. Service)
27 The Sunday of the Resurrection with Bishop Wayne P. Wright (Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Service)

April

- 24 Choral Evensong (Sunday, 5:00 p.m.)
St. Peter's Church, Lewes

May

- 22 Choral Evensong (Sunday 5:00 p.m.)
Emmanuel Episcopal Church Concert Series,
Chestertown, Maryland

June

- 5 Cathedral Choir School Recognition and Awards (10:30 a.m.)
Choral Evensong Honoring the Ministry of The Very Reverend Peggy Patterson (4:00 p.m.)
Cathedral Church of Saint John, Wilmington

Cathedral Choir School of Delaware programs are made possible, in part, by grants from the **Jessie Ball duPont Fund**, and the **Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware**. Gifts are also given by individuals, businesses and foundations to support the Cathedral Choir School of Delaware's annual operations through the Annual Scholarship Fund, or to support the Cathedral Choir School's future through the "Continuing the Tradition" Endowment Campaign.

The Cathedral Choir School of Delaware operates under Cathedral Community Services, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

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The Very Reverend Peggy Patterson, *Dean*
Darryl Roland, D.M.A., *Artistic Director*
Matthew Boatman, *Canon Musician, Organist*
Lisa F. Slinkard, *Director of Development and Alumni Relations, "Notes" Editor*

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in the City of Wilmington and
the Surrounding Region*

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Your gift will be doubled
through the Longwood Challenge.
One dollar becomes two dollars!

The Cathedral Choir School of Delaware has received a grant from the Longwood Foundation of up to \$50,000 to match contributions to its Annual Scholarship Fund. What a wonderful vote of confidence in the work and mission of the Cathedral Choir School by one of Wilmington's leading foundations! This match was given to encourage new and increased donations to the Cathedral Choir School Scholarship Fund so it can better serve the community.

The match begins after the Cathedral Choir School raises a benchmark of \$25,000 in individual gifts. Thanks to everyone who has already given to the Annual Scholarship Fund since the beginning of our Choir season, we have now reached this important benchmark. NOW EVERY DOLLAR GIVEN BECOMES TWO DOLLARS FOR THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

For example ... if you are a first-time donor, your \$100 contribution will mean \$200 for the Cathedral Choir School Scholarship Fund, because it will be matched 1:1 by the Longwood Foundation. If you are a current supporter ... each dollar you add to a repeated gift will help us take advantage of the Longwood match.

The Cathedral Choir School of Delaware uses music as a positive intervention in the lives of youth, many of whom live in the Cathedral's inner-city neighborhood



*Choristers singing at Governor Minner's Inauguration Ceremony
at the Riverfront Arts Center.*

PHOTOGRAPH BY CHARLES GIBBS

of Brandywine Village. Through the Annual Scholarship Fund, each student receives a scholarship worth more than \$3,000 per year. This Scholarship includes more than seven hours each week of "out-of-school" arts learning, including vocal training, private piano lessons and leadership development to children ages 7 to 18.

Your gift will ensure that the Cathedral Choir School continues to make a difference in the lives of young people.

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| Cathedral Choir School Annual..... | \$25,000 |
| Scholarship Fund benchmark | <i>This has been reached!</i> |
| New and increased gifts to the | \$50,000 |
| Scholarship Fund | |
| Longwood Match 1:1..... | \$50,000 |
| Total Annual Scholarship Fund..... | \$125,000 |
| | <i>Make this a reality!</i> |

Please make your tax-deductible donation to this year's Annual Scholarship Fund by October 1, 2005 so that every dollar of the \$50,000 Longwood match will be awarded!

For more information, please contact Lisa Slinkard in the Cathedral Choir School's Office of Development at (302) 654-6279, extension 118, or lslinkard@cathedralchoirschoolde.org

Treble Choristers shine in OperaDelaware's Turandot

In November, fifteen Cathedral Choir School choristers sang in the chorus of Turandot, the tale of legendary China, which was presented by OperaDelaware and Wilmington's Grand Opera House. The production starred young Canadian soprano Othalie Graham and was directed by OperaDelaware's Artistic Director Leland Kimball. Gary Mullinax of Wilmington's *The News Journal* described this production as larger-than-life, including ... "Big orchestra. Big chorus. Big costumes. Big gongs." Indeed, this production made a big impression on the choristers who participated in an opera for the first time.



Choristers with Turandot star Othalie Graham.



A big thank you to Winner Automotive Group Audi and Brand Specialist Dan Hayes for sponsoring the choristers participation in the opera.

New piano instructors join Cathedral Choir School Piano Studio

The Cathedral Choir School of Delaware is pleased to announce the addition of two distinguished piano instructors to its Piano Studio staff team. Professor Marie-Christine Delbeau and Ms. LoriAnn Johnson-Ford join Dr. Darryl Roland in teaching more than 30 private piano lessons each week. Professor Delbeau is Head of the Piano Department and an Associate Professor of Piano at the University of Delaware. She has performed to critical acclaim in recitals throughout the United States as both a soloist and an active chamber musician. Ms. Johnson is a piano and choral teacher at William C. Lewis Elementary in



Dr. Roland, Ms. Johnson-Ford and Professor Delbeau

Wilmington and Director of Music for Children and Youth at Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church. She feels called to work with children in the inner-city.

The Cathedral Choir School's individual piano lessons provide opportunities to meet the diverse needs and abilities of each student, help younger students "graduate" into group choral work, and balance the student's group time with one-on-one mentoring time. Piano instruction is provided to students at no cost and each student receives a weekly thirty-minute private lesson that includes both piano technique and theory. Parents help encourage good practice habits by attending the lessons and by being involved with their child as they practice at home. The Choir School's Piano Studio provides a high-quality digital piano for choristers who show aptitude and interest so that they can practice their lessons at home. Piano instruction during this time in a young persons' development has been shown to enhance musical ability for life, and abstract reasoning skills for academic studies, including math and science. The expansion of the piano mentoring program has been made possible in part through grants from the Foster Friess Family Fund and the Phoebe W. Haas Charitable Trust.

In the Choir

Porsha Harvey, age 12 attends Gauger Cobbs Middle School. She is in her second year in the Cathedral Choir School, attended the Royal School of Church Music Residential Summer Camp and takes piano from Professor Delbeau. "I like the fact that everyone in the Choir is so welcoming," says Porsha. She loves to sing and write and dance. Her goals for the future include becoming a pediatrician.



Cathedral Choir School featured in WHY program

On December 31, 2004 the Cathedral Choir School of Delaware was one of three non-profit groups featured in a television program on WHY entitled, "Making a Difference ... in Delaware." This half-hour show was a compilation of stories produced by Sharon Baker of Teleduction on Tri-State Rescue & Research, the AIDS Delaware Walk and the Cathedral Choir School. If you are interested in seeing the 8-minute video production that is about the Cathedral Choir School, please contact Lisa Slinkard at extension 118. Videocassettes of the production can be purchased for \$15 and computer disks for \$10.

The Cathedral Choir sings at Governor Minner's inauguration

On January 15 the intergenerational Choir of the Cathedral Church of Saint John, featuring boys and girls from the Cathedral Choir School of Delaware, sang at Governor Minner Inauguration Ceremony at the Riverfront Arts Center.



Absalom Jones Celebration Concert

Friday, February 18, 2005 at 8:00 p.m.



The Cathedral Church of Saint John will present an Absalom Jones Celebration Concert on Friday evening, February 18. The concert will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Cathedral located at the corner of Concord Avenue and Market Street in Wilmington.

Tickets are \$15; \$25 Patrons; and \$50 Benefactors. Concert proceeds will benefit the ministry of Debnam House, a community center for children. This concert, commemorating Absalom Jones will feature soprano Dawn Padmore and boys and girls from the Cathedral Choir School of Delaware. Ms. Padmore who sang in the Cathedral Choir as a youth will present classical arias, as well as cabaret favorites and jazz standards; and the Cathedral Choir School of Delaware will present Cathedral classics, contemporary anthems and spirituals. For tickets, call 302-654-6279, extension 118.

Thanks for your support!

In recent months several corporations, foundations, churches and organizations have given generous gifts in support of the Cathedral Choir School's Annual Scholarship Fund including All Saints Episcopal Church; The Brandywiners, Ltd.; The Ruby R. Vale Foundation; and the Barnabas Committee of St. Alban's Episcopal Church. We also thank the J.P. Morgan Chase Foundation for a grant to the Cathedral Choir School and a team of volunteers that included Karen Robinson-Fletcher, Beverly Romain and others who provided a festive fall Halloween party for choristers and their families.



J.P. Morgan Chase volunteer team.



Ms. Betty J. Daisy-Moses presents a check to the Cathedral Choir School.

Choral Evensong honored donors



On Sunday, November 21 the intergenerational Choir of the Cathedral Church of Saint John presented a Choral Evensong Concert in honor of everyone who has financially supported the Cathedral Choir School's mission. During the Choral Evensong Don Taylor chair of the Cathedral Choir School's "Continuing the Tradition" Endowment Campaign was presented with a Royal School of Church Music "Loyal Service Medal" for his service to the Choir since 1938. After the Evensong a seated English Cream Tea was enjoyed by a hundred people.



On December 5, the Cathedral Choir sang an Evensong Concert for All Saints Episcopal Parish at St. George's Chapel. The Choir will return to southern Delaware in April when they sing at St. Peter's Church in Lewes.