

## 2007 Concert Schedule

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 2 or visit us on the web at [www.cathedralchoirschoolde.org](http://www.cathedralchoirschoolde.org)

### June

- 1 Singing of the National Anthem  
Philadelphia Phillies Game against  
San Francisco Giants  
Citizens Bank Park, Philadelphia  
Friday, 6:55 p.m.
  
- 3 Chorister Recognition and Promotion Service  
10:30 a.m. Service  
12:15 p.m. Piano Recital (free and open to the public)  
1:00 p.m. Choir Banquet  
Cathedral Church of Saint John  
5:00 p.m. Choral Evensong (free and open to  
the public)  
Christ Church Christiana Hundred, Greenville, DE

### July

- 23-29 RSCM Summer Training Course for Advanced  
Trebles, Dr. Darryl Roland - Guest Director  
Washington National Cathedral

### August

- 6-10 Cathedral Choir School Summer Camp  
for Choristers  
Cathedral Church of Saint John

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*Photograph by Nan Ciuffetelli.*

## June 3 Piano Recital and Choral Concert

On Sunday, June 3, students in the Cathedral Choir School piano studio program will present a recital at the Cathedral Church of Saint John at 12:15 p.m. Then at 5 p.m. choristers from the Cathedral Choir School and adult singers from the Choir of the Cathedral Church of Saint John will present a Choral Evensong and Concert at Christ Church Christiana Hundred. Both events are free and open to the public.

**“One of my  
personal goals is  
to be an  
inspiring leader.”**

nine year old chorister,  
three years in the Cathedral Choir School

## Celebrating High School Seniors

This month we celebrate four high school seniors who have attended the Cathedral Choir School of Delaware throughout their adolescence. We celebrate the lives of these senior high school students and all of the choristers of the Cathedral Choir School. Please join us on June 3 at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service at the Cathedral Church of Saint John where we will recognize and promote choristers for their hard work during the past year.



Senior Mickey Drott has attended the Choir School for seven years. He appreciates the Choir School's "sense of community and supportive environment." Mickey plans to attend Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, PA in the fall to study biology and pre-med.



Erin Hayes was introduced to the Choir School by her Grandmother eight years ago. Her dreams for the future include becoming a biochemist or owning her own business.



Michael Twardus has participated in the Choir School for 11 years and was also introduced to the program by his Grandmother. In the fall he will attend the University of Delaware where he plans to major in Biology.



Samuel Wilson is a senior at Mount Pleasant High School. He became a part of the Choir through the Debnam House's Summer Camp. He participated for almost ten years. His dreams for the future include going to college and studying robotics and biochemical engineering.

## Choir School Helps Parents and Students Reach Life Goals

Last fall the Cathedral Choir School conducted a survey of its students and parents through the help of researchers who generously donated their time. Parents responded that the Cathedral Choir School helps their children reach their goals for school through "patient guidance, positive reinforcement, and positive role models;" for college by helping them "to focus on their studies and to recognize that persistence pays off;" and for a career by "setting and achieving goals." Parents also said the Choir School helps their children become leaders through its "head chorister training program and opportunities to stand out and be recognized;" and, that the Choir School helps them achieve *other goals for their children*, including helping children "feel part of a community where people know and care about them" (apart from home and school), "become an active part of a church community," "grow spiritually," "develop a sound value system," and "stay involved with parents by enjoying a mutually rewarding challenge."

Students said the Choir School helps them become better musicians, improves their self-confidence, helps them work with their peers in positive ways, helps them control their behavior and helps them reach their personal goals (including going to college). Many students also indicated that they had received an award for their academic performance during the school year.



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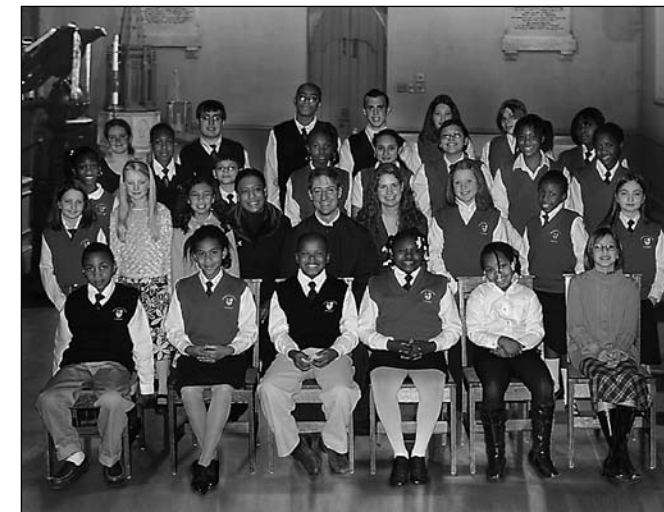
## In the Choir

Alejandra age 12 is a seventh grader at St. Peter's Cathedral. She has sung in the Choir for two years. Her favorite pieces to sing are *Agnus Dei*, *Magnificat* and *Gloria*. One of her personal goals is to lead a small group of children in learning Spanish. Her goals for the future include becoming a successful lawyer. Alejandra is pleased to announce that she has just been recognized for her school achievements by a Latin American Community Center "Achievement Matters" award.



## Peer Leaders Trained

Article by Diana Stevens, Program Specialist, YMCA Resource Center

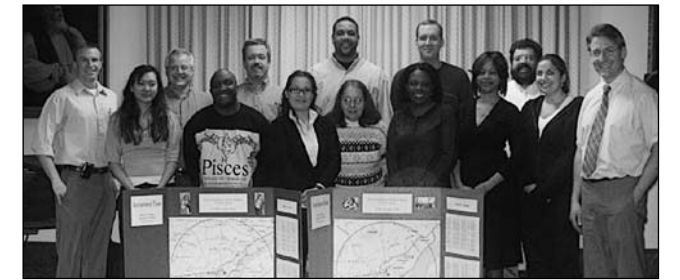


Earlier this year, twenty-eight choristers successfully completed the YMCA Resource Center of Delaware's PEER LEADER training. At the final training session, the choristers agreed they would be positive role models, helpers and good listeners. These choristers are the first group of Cathedral Choir School Peer Leaders to be trained.

During the intensive twelve-hour training, the youth learned and practiced communication, team work and problem solving skills. They also practiced the YMCA character values – caring, respect, honesty, and responsibility.

During this year's Cathedral Choir School summer camp, several of the Peer Leaders will take the Resource Center's PEER MEDIATION training, while others will prepare and lead activities for the afternoon programs. The YMCA Resource Center, the statewide community outreach branch of the YMCA of Delaware, congratulates the Cathedral Choir School Peer Leaders!

## Wilmington College Students Study the Choir School



This spring, Wilmington College students dedicated their Management class project to help the Cathedral Choir School of Delaware. This project was made possible by professor Tom Selestok (whose two sons sing in the Choir). A class of 12 students learned project management concepts, including communication, time, cost, and risk while developing a recruitment database, on-line calendar proposal, and marketing and public relations ideas for the Choir School. The project culminated in a presentation to Artistic Director Dr. Roland and now the Choir School is implementing many of the students' recommendations.

## Your Generosity is Needed

### EVERY DAY

It costs \$4 per day, \$125 per month, or \$1,500 per year to sponsor a chorister in the Cathedral Choir School. Your gift to the Annual Chorister Scholarship Campaign can help ensure that young people, regardless of their family income, receive mentoring and a high-quality musical education.

### EVERY WEEK

We need caring adults to mentor a student in the Cathedral Choir School for one hour a week. Mentors help students succeed both academically and in life through guidance, support and encouragement. Training is provided. For more information contact Leslie Acker-Rowe, Mentoring Administrator at 302-654-6279, extension 118.

### EVERY LIFE

You can leave something behind for future generations of choristers. Our Saint Cecilia Planned Giving Society is designed to help you consider your own personal legacy as well as introduce some charitable estate planning instruments to benefit both you and your family. For more information, contact Lisa Slinkard in the Choir School's Office of Development at (302) 654-6279, extension 2.

Please give through the Cathedral Choir School of Delaware to touch the lives of young people.