



In Excelsis

CONCERT SERIES

2023-2024

DEAR FRIENDS OF ST. GEORGE'S MUSIC MINISTRY,

We are excited to offer our 2023-24 *In Excelsis* Series season to you. We believe the Friends of Music committee has assembled one of the finest series of sacred music highlighting beauty and excellence through St. George's choirs, the new organ, Buzard Opus 48, and our talented guest musicians. Fresh off an exciting season of dedication programs with our new organ, the 2023-24 season continues showcasing the organ while also highlighting our dedicated choirs.



Rev. J. Malone Gilliam
Rector

Our series begins with Dr. Damin Spritzer on the organ and the Saint Thomas Choir from Saint Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue in New York City. During the fall our St. George's choirs present the deeply moving *Requiem* by Maurice Duruflé, and rounding out 2023 is our annual service of Lessons and Carols. None of these offerings are to be missed!

This season will feature a concert by the Gerre Hancock Music Intern, highlighting our commitment for the growth of Anglican sacred music by training young

Music Ministry Staff



Dr. Woosug Kang
Director of Music Ministries



Gerry Senechal
*Associate Director of Music
Ministries & Organist*

musicians. Our season will conclude with a presentation of all our musicians in a Hymn Festival. If you remember the joyous occasion of last season's Hymn Festival, you'll recall that it's a wonderful experience.

The *In Excelsis* Series serves as a vehicle to bring our community the beauty of sacred music while also emphasizing our dedication to educating young choristers and future musicians. This important series is possible through the generous donations from so many of you who have supported us for many years. We sincerely thank you.

We are excited about this coming year — our hope is to share these beautiful moments with you!

Blessings,



The Rev. J. Malone Gilliam



Stephanie Elder

Worship & Communications Coordinator



Dr. Wilma Jensen

Organist & Choirmaster

Emerita

Friday, September 8, 7:00pm

DR. DAMIN SPRITZER, ORGAN CONCERT

“Assured confidence and refined musicality.”

—*Classical Music Sentinel*

We open our *In Excelsis Series* with the passionate and refined playing of renowned organist Dr. Damin Spritzer, performing on our new organ, Buzard Op. 48. Dr. Spritzer is Area Chair and Associate Professor of Organ at the University of Oklahoma, and she has performed with historic churches and instruments in Iceland, Germany, France, Brazil, Italy, Israel, England, and Norway. She has been honored to contribute to regional and national convention performances and lectures for the American Guild of Organists in Austin, Kansas City, Denver, Dallas, Columbus, and Seattle. Dr. Spritzer will remain at St. George's to accompany the St. George's Choir and Choristers in Choral Evensong on Sunday, September 10.





Friday, October 6, 7:00pm

THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS

“The nation’s premier Anglican choir of men and boys.”

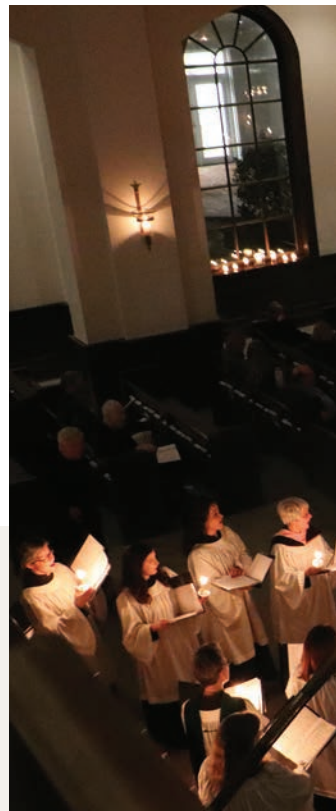
—*The New Yorker*

In Excelsis continues to bring the finest sacred choral music to Nashville, by welcoming one of the most prominent choirs in the nation, and their first visit under the direction of the Jeremy Filsell, Organist and Director of Music at Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue. Considered by many to be the leading American ensemble in the Anglican choral tradition, the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys provides music for five choral services each week at Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue, New York City. The choir regularly appears in concert with period-instrument ensembles in New York, and for the past three decades has also toured throughout the United States and Europe.

Sunday, November 5, 6:00pm

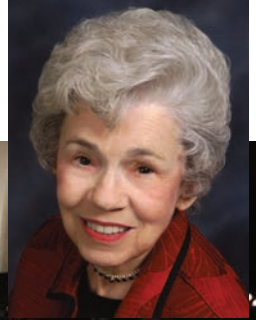
REQUIEM BY MAURICE DURUFLÉ WITH ST. GEORGE'S CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

Regarded as one of the most sublime settings of the requiem text, Duruflé's *Requiem* will stir the souls of the listener with its powerful harmonic language rooted in ancient chant. St. George's Choir and Orchestra will present this work with interwoven readings and prayers. We invite you to come and honor the saints who have gone before us through powerful music and text.



Sunday, December 3, 6:00pm

**A SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS
PRELUDE BY DR. WILMA JENSEN AT 5:30PM**



A beloved annual tradition at St. George's, the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols shares the joy and wonder of the promised Messiah through profound Scripture readings, Advent carols, and beautiful choral anthems. This festive service features all of our dedicated choirs: St. George's Choir, the Choristers of St. George's, and St. Dunstan's Choir. Dr. Wilma Jensen, our Organist & Choirmaster Emerita, will offer a 30-minute prelude for this special occasion. This service is a well-attended favorite, so please arrive early.

Friday, January 26, 12:00pm



MOZART BIRTHDAY CONCERT WITH ROGER WIESMEYER & FRIENDS

Celebrating one of the most remarkable composers in history, the Mozart Birthday Concert has become the annual delight here at St. George's. Led and organized by Nashville-based musician Roger Wiesmeyer, we enjoy the delightful music of Mozart, celebrating his legacy as a composer. Each year, donations are collected for a deserving nonprofit organization.

Sunday, February 4, 6:00pm

ABRAHAM WALLACE **GERRE HANCOCK MUSIC INTERN**

St. George's is pleased to announce the appointment of Abraham Wallace as the recipient of the 2023-24 Gerre Hancock Internship through the Association of Anglican Musicians, a national organization that promotes the development and growth of high-quality Anglican music. Named after the acclaimed church musician Gerre Hancock from Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue, this internship is awarded annually to an extraordinary young musician who demonstrates skill and passion for the music and worship of the Episcopal Church.

Among Abraham Wallace's accomplishments are advanced degrees from the University of Oklahoma and the Yale Institute of Sacred Music as well as two prior placements as an organ scholar in Episcopal Churches. He is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Sacred Music at the University of Michigan. Some musical highlights from recent years include commissioning and performing an organ suite by Ethan Haman as a part of the 2021 American Guild of Organists Student Commissioning Project, curating a virtual evensong service in the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, and playing harpsichord in continuo ensembles for various early music projects. During his time at St. George's, Abraham will be mentored by Dr. Woosug Kang and Mr. Gerry Senechal.



Sunday, April 28, 6:00pm

HYMN FESTIVAL

FEATURING THE CHOIRS OF ST. GEORGE'S

In January 2023, the *In Excelsis* series began with a triumphant Hymn Festival as the opening program for our organ dedication series. We continue the celebration of our beautiful and thrilling Episcopal hymns as St. George's Choir and Choristers lead the congregation in joyful singing.



BUZARD OPUS 48

St. George's new pipe organ, Buzard Opus 48, was brought to life by John-Paul Buzard Pipe Organ Builders of Champaign, Illinois. This four-manual organ will be fully installed and voiced in 2023, bearing



CHORAL EVENSONG

SUNDAYS AT 5:00PM:

September 10, October 15,
January 14, February 11,
March 10, April 14, and May 12

Choral Evensong marries Anglican liturgy with profound musical selections and is known to be the one of the best gifts of our musical tradition. In Choral Evensong, the beautiful prayers and readings of Evening Prayer are set to music and led by St. George's Choir on select Sundays.

COMPLINE

WEDNESDAYS AT 9:15PM:

September 20, October 18,
November 15, December 20,
February 21, March 20, April 17,
and May 15

MATINEE COMPLINE SUNDAY

AT 5PM: January 21

Compline is perhaps the most beloved service of the Daily Office, which provides a rhythm of prayers for fixed times throughout the day in The Book of Common Prayer. Compline is a quiet, meditative service for the close of day. In the model of the monastic tradition, this candlelit service is led by the tenors and basses of St. George's Choir.

50 stops and 58 ranks, including a fully-enclosed trombone rank, the lowest pipe of which is 32 feet long. Distinctly Anglican-American in character, this instrument was designed primarily to support worship in the Anglican tradition; however, its diverse and colorful stoplist allows it to beautifully render

music of all periods. Op. 48 features an unusually high proportion of larger and longer pipes, resulting in a noticeable depth and fullness of sound. This magnificent organ will serve St. George's in worship and will also delight the greater community at concert events.

Special Services at St. George's

We hope you'll join us for worship at St. George's. The holy days listed below are highlights of our liturgical church year and have special music to enhance the meaning of the day. For details, please visit stgeorgesnashville.org/worshiptimes. We look forward to seeing you!

All Saints Sunday: November 5
Christmas Eve: December 24
Ash Wednesday: February 14
Palm Sunday: March 24
Maundy Thursday: March 28
Good Friday: March 29
The Great Vigil of Easter: March 30
Easter Sunday: March 31



Friends of Music

In Excelsis Concert Series is made possible thanks to the generous support of our donors, the Friends of Music. To make a donation to *In Excelsis* and join the Friends of Music, visit stgeorgesnashville.org/give.



ARCHANGELS (\$1000 & ABOVE)

Mia & John Abernathy
Ruth C. Adkins
Jan Allison
Jaymi & Tony Arata
Lisa Barry in memory of
Mark Barry & Robin Hines Barry
Sandy & Bill Berry
Barbara & Jack Bovender
John C. Burch Jr. in memory of
Susan K. Burch
Sam Coleman & Phillip Stewart
Anne & Bill Davis
Suann & Ralph Davis
in memory of Marjorie Helen Maxwell
Mary Dale & John Fitzgerald in honor of
Our Grandchildren
Catherine Holsen
Martha Ingram
Cathy & Clay Jackson
Ritu & Matt Joseph
Priscilla McKeehan
Tom & Gail Molen
Agatha Nolan
Carol Armes & Bob Pitz
Robin & David Puryear
J. Michael Scott
Joanne & Joe Sowell
Carolyn & Steve Taylor
The Rev. Tim Taylor in honor of
Stephen Taylor & Family
Jerry & Ernie Williams
Dr. John Witherspoon

SERAPHIM (\$500 TO \$999)

Emme & Butch Baxter
Nancy & John Cheadle
Tibby & Bob Christenberry
Emily & Mark Griffin
Mary & Calvin Lewis
Shelley & Gage Logan
Abbi Maher
Anonymous
Patty Olstad
Sarah & Dan Puryear
Martha & Dyer Rodes
Elizabeth G. Smith in memory of
Marcel Smith
Sarita & Robert Stewart in memory of
Bobbie Poe Stewart and
in honor of Sue Poe Jones
Paul Teschan
Julie & Hudson Walker in memory of
Hudson Goodyear Walker
Laura & Patrick Wright

CHERUBIM (\$250 TO \$499)

Gareth & Julia Aden in memory of
Marie S. Aden
Jane & Joe Andrews
Gail & Hart Applegate
Seawell Brandau
Barbara Daane
Joanne & David Golann
Julie & Bob Haley
Rebekah Alexander & Woosug Kang
Dr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Overby in memory of
Joann McRae
Claudia & Don Padfield
Mr. & Mrs. Robert S. Patterson
Mary Fitzgerald & Albert Ramirez
Betty M. Ramsey in memory of
Marjorie Ankrom Maxwell
Ella & Neil Redkevitch
Vicky & Bennett Tarleton
Deborah Torgersen-Paul
Mary Tygret in memory of
Robert & Jane Gates and
Beverly Gates
Lea & Bob Van Cleave
Judy & John Warner

ANGELS (UP TO \$249)

Pamela Anderson
Family of Tish & Jeff Anderson
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Stephanie Elder in memory of
Sue Rutledge Elder Pulliam
Karen T. LaMonica in honor of
Candace Laing &
Andrew Dawson
Molly Moore in memory of
John Himelfarb
Betty Mullens
Amy & Will Norton in memory of
Mary Ready Taylor
Monica Phifer
Katie & Tom Steele
Eleanor Templeton in memory of
Julia Jarman
Elizabeth & Nip Trabue
William L. Wells in memory of
Lloyd Elijah King, Jr.
Chuck White & Ruth Cate

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