Welcome
to another year of Music at Riverside

The tradition of excellence in music at The Riverside Church continues this year with old favorites and new faces. Join us for unique and innovative concerts in Riverside’s grand Nave and intimate performances in Christ Chapel. We are thrilled to present this plentiful and diverse calendar of musical offerings and hope you will attend often.

We hope you’ll help us continue this rich musical tradition by becoming a “Friend of Music” at Riverside.
Choral Events AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 at 5:00 P.M. | NA VE

The Riverside Inspirational Choir & Orchestra

And Still We Rise

Join the Inspirational Choir as we explore the rich and diverse musical repertoire that has provided hope and solace to so many as they journey through the African American experience. The concert will include guest soloists and instrumental artists. Come early to get a good seat for this thrilling concert event!

$20/$15. Tickets available at the door.

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The Riverside Choir, Soloists, & Orchestra

Fauré Requiem

Choral Evensong

On All Saints’ Sunday, The Riverside Choir, soloists, and instrumentalists honor the memory of all those who have moved from this realm to the next. Our Evensong celebration features the sublime Requiem by Gabriel Fauré, and includes canticles sung by the choir, as well as evening hymns for all to sing.

A freewill offering benefiting the Riverside Food Pantry will be received.

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Christmas AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 at 10:45 A.M. | NAVE

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Matthew Hommez, Director

The Riverside Church once again offers an impressive production for its annual Christmas Pageant, presented by Riverside’s Rising Voices and Cherub Choir during worship on the Second Sunday of Advent. Each year, the children, parents and directors spend many months rehearsing the music, dancing, and acting for the pageant. Our talented youth will delight you with their artistic retelling of the story of the birth of Jesus.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 at 4:00 P.M. | NAVE

THE ANNUAL RIVERSIDE CHURCH CANDLELIGHT CAROL FESTIVAL

This longstanding tradition at The Riverside Church has become an essential part of Christmas in New York City. This service of music and light combines carillon, organ, harp, and all of the choirs of The Riverside Church, culminating in a ritual sharing of candlelight illuminating the Nave. Musical prelude begins at 3:30 p.m.

$35/$25. For tickets, call the Box Office at 212-870-6784.
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
Service for Children and Families, 4:00 p.m.
Service of Lessons and Carols, 8:00 p.m.

NEW YEAR’S EVE WATCH NIGHT SERVICE
10:00 p.m. Carillon Recital by Charles Semowich, Carillonneur
10:30 p.m. Organ Recital by Christopher Creaghan, Organist
11:00 p.m. Service of Worship

Holy Week AT RIVERSIDE
SUNDAY, APRIL 5 at 10:45 A.M. | NAVE
Palm Sunday

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8 at 7:00 P.M. | ASSEMBLY HALL
Space for Grace Foot-Washing Service

THURSDAY, APRIL 9 at 7:30 P.M. | NAVE
Maundy Thursday Tenbrae Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 10 at 12:00 NOON | NAVE
Good Friday Seven Last Words Service

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 at 8:45 A.M. and 10:45 A.M. | NAVE
Easter Sunday Services
Christ Chapel Chamber Series

SUNDAYS at 2:00 P.M. in CHRIST CHAPEL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Simple Gifts
Two women plus twelve instruments equals one good time when Simple Gifts takes the stage, performing everything from lively Irish jigs to hard-driving Klezmer freilachs, haunting Gypsy melodies, and exotic Balkan dance tunes. Come hear their own distinctive stamp on traditional tunes, blending styles from diverse cultures with their American roots.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 | 9TH FLOOR, TOWER

Sidney Outlaw, Baritone with Warren Jones, piano
North Carolina native and regular soloist with the Riverside Choir, the wonderful Mr. Outlaw performs Schubert’s song cycle *Winterreise* (Winter Journey), a crowning achievement of the genre and a tour de force for the performer.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Melody of Dragon
*Traditional Chinese Music*
Led by virtuoso dizi (Chinese bamboo flute) player Chen Tao, the group introduces us to the history and diverse colors of traditional Chinese instrumental music throughout the centuries.
Made for You and Me
Mezzo-soprano Meghann Vaughn joins with several other members of the Riverside Choir and friends to celebrate the diversity of cultures that contributes to the richness of American life. You won’t want to miss this toe-tapping concert, which features folksongs and spirituals for different combinations of voices, showcasing arrangements from multiple genres.

Christopher Johnson & Friends
Christopher Johnson and Beatrix Witschurke-Kilényi celebrate “contemporary” music of recent decades, joined by special guest artists from near and far. This special concert will feature selections for flute, piano, organ, percussion, and more!
Special Events AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 at 2:00 P.M. | 9TH FLOOR, TOWER

“Politics and Poker”
The Annual Riverside Choir Benefit Tea
Dale Zurbrick, Master of Ceremonies

It’s that time of year, and our talented Riverside Choir members are ready to let their hair down! Join us for “Politics and Poker” – a comedic look at the government and the maddening machinations of our present-day political morass. Featuring selections from Fiorello!, Hello Dolly, Knickerbocker Holiday, and more, this fun afternoon promises to delight with lots of laughter and great music.

$20/$15. Tickets available at the door.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19 at 4:00 P.M. | NAVE

42ND ANNUAL ENGLISH HANDBELL FESTIVAL
Nick Hanson, Washington, D.C.
Guest Conductor

3:00 p.m. Carillon Recital by Charles, Semowich, Carillonneur
3:30 p.m. Organ Recital by Christopher Johnson, Organist
4:00 p.m. Combined Choirs of the Annual English Handbell Festival

The Riverside Ringers host a weekend gathering of bell choirs from throughout the region, combining forces to perform a glorious concert on Sunday afternoon, under the leadership of special guest conductor Nick Hanson. As always, the performance will be a sight to behold and will fill the Nave with splendor!

$20/15. Tickets available at the door.
CHILDREN AND YOUTH SPRING CONCERT
AND FAMILY LUNCHEON

Matthew Hommez, Director

Celebrate the talents of our gifted young people in an afternoon of music and fellowship. This year’s program will feature spirituals, gospel music, and contemporary compositions from around the world. Members of The Rising Voices, Cherub and Youth Choirs will also share musical solos and poetry.

$10 suggested donation at the door.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC at The Riverside Church

FRIENDS OF MUSIC at Riverside was established in 1984 to insure the continuation of distinguished musical presentations at The Riverside Church. You are invited to become a Friend by mailing a contribution to Friends of Music, Music Office, The Riverside Church, 490 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10027.

Contributors are acknowledged on concert programs and are invited to attend artist receptions scheduled throughout the season. Contributions are tax deductible.
Riverside’s annual series features some of the world’s most outstanding organists performing on The Riverside Church’s famed Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ, one of the most magnificent instruments of its kind.

**July 7**
**Peter Richard Conte**
Wanamaker Grand Court Organist, with Andrew Ennis
Flugelhorn/Duo Organist
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**July 14**
**Aaron David Miller**
Music Director, House of Hope Presbyterian Church
St. Paul, Minnesota
A special concert of live organ improvisation on the 1923 silent film comedy classic “Our Hospitality” starring Buster Keaton.

**July 21**
**Christopher Creaghan**
Associate Organist
The Riverside Church, New York City

**July 28**
**Christopher Johnson**
Director of Music and Organist
The Riverside Church, New York City

**August 4**
**Raúl Prieto Ramírez**
San Diego Civic Organist, Spreckels Organ Pavilion
San Diego, California

Carillon recitals on the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial Carillon will precede each organ recital at 6:30 p.m.
$20/$15. Tickets available at the door.
Season at a Glance

Oct. 13  Christ Chapel Chamber Series - Simple Gifts
Nov. 3   The Riverside Choir, Evensong – Fauré Requiem
Dec. 8   The Riverside Church School Christmas Pageant - Matthew Hommez, Conductor
Dec. 15  The Annual Riverside Church Candlelight Carol Festival
Dec. 24  Christmas Eve Services
Dec. 31  New Year’s Eve Watch Night Services
Jan. 12  Christ Chapel Chamber Series - Sidney Outlaw, Baritone
Jan. 26  The Riverside Choir Benefit Tea - Dale Zurbrick, Master of Ceremonies
Feb. 2   Christ Chapel Chamber Series – Melody of Dragon
Feb. 23  The Riverside Inspirational Choir - Nedra Olds-Neal, Conductor
Mar. 1   Christ Chapel Chamber Series – Made For You and Me
Apr. 5   Palm Sunday
Apr. 8   Space for Grace Foot-Washing Service
Apr. 9   Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service
Apr. 10  Good Friday Seven Last Words Service
Apr. 12  Easter Sunday
Apr. 19  42nd Annual English Handbell Festival
          Nick Hanson, Guest Conductor
May 3    Children and Youth Spring Concert and Family Luncheon
          Matthew Hommez, Conductor
May 31   Christ Chapel Chamber Series – Christopher Johnson & Friends
Jul. 7   Summer Organ Series – Peter Richard Conte & Andrew Ennis
Jul. 14  Summer Organ Series – Aaron David Miller
Jul. 21  Summer Organ Series – Christopher Creaghan
Jul. 28  Summer Organ Series – Christopher Johnson
Aug. 4   Summer Organ Series – Raúl Prieto Ramírez
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