MUSIC
AT RIVERSIDE

2017 ~ 2018 SEASON

The Riverside Church in the City of New York

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.

Cover: Music Window, Nave, The Riverside Church

Choral Events AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, MARCH 11 at 3:00 P.M. | NAVE

THE RIVERSIDE INSPIRATIONAL CHOIR

Changed My Name...
My Name Is...

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The Inspirational Choir celebrates the voices of women as agents of change in the emancipation and self-affirmation of our nation throughout history. This concert honors five SHEROES: Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth, two women who changed their names and helped to change our destiny; and Mary Lou Williams, Hazel Scott and Carline Ray, three women who, with their distinctive music, helped inspire us to stand up and say "My Name Is..." Don't miss this joyful and inspiring celebration.

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 29 at 3:00 P.M. | NAVE

THE RIVERSIDE CHOIR

"The Simple Life," for Choir and Organ

A World Premiere by composer Juan Pablo Contreras

Commissioned for the 85th Anniversary of The Riverside Church, this spectacular new work by internationally awarded composer (and former Riverside Choir member) Juan Pablo Contreras features the full forces of The Riverside Choir combined with the Nave organ in a multi-movement collage of musical settings of poetry from all over the world.

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

Christmas AT RIVERSIDE

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

The RIVERSIDE CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Matthew Hommez, Director

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 at 3:30 & 6:00 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.

$25/$15. For tickets, call the Box Office at 212-870-6784.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 at 4:00 & 8:00 P.M. | NAVE

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Service for Children and Families, 4:00 p.m.

Service of Lessons and Carols, 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 at 11:00 P.M. | NAVE

NEW YEAR'S EVE WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

10:00 p.m.	**Carillon Recital** by Dionisio A. Lind, Carillonneur
10:30 p.m.	**Organ Recital** by Christopher Creaghan, Organist
11:00 p.m.	**Service of Worship**

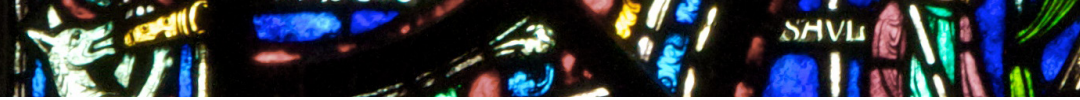
Holy Week AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, MARCH 25 at 10:45 A.M. | NAVE
PALM SUNDAY

THURSDAY, MARCH 29 at 7:00 P.M. | NAVE
MAUNDY THURSDAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 30 | NAVE
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE at 12:00 P.M.
TENEBRAE SERVICE at 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 at 8:45 A.M. and 10:45 A.M. | NAVE
EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES



Christ Chapel Chamber S

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Return to Camelot

Music from the Kennedy White House Concerts 1961–1963, celebrating the John F. Kennedy centennial

Pianist Alexander Wu and the Serendip Piano Trio recreate those artistic moments and iconic music heard at the White House Concerts during President Kennedy's administration. Music by Bernstein, Brubeck, Casals, Chopin, Copland, Gershwin, Mendelssohn, and more.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Roux of Light

Roosevelt André Credit and friends mix together an afternoon of delicious musical moments celebrating life and light. "Roo" brings his arrangements to life with a splash of hot sauce and a lot of heart, in repertoire ranging from musical theatre to Roosevelt's own compositions. Presented as part of Riverside's "Beyond the Dream" series.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

An American Tapestry

Soprano extraordinaire Heather Hill presents songs celebrating the beautiful diversity of America by musically exploring themes of freedom, justice, and unity. Presented as part of Riverside's "Beyond the Dream" series.

Series

A free-will offering for the artists will be taken at the door.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Jazz in Paris

Irene Ryan King, mezzo-soprano
Beth Robin, piano

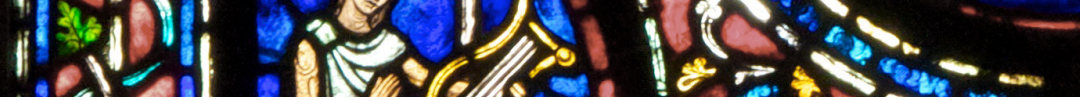
The 1920s saw the heyday of jazz's influence on France's "classical" composers. Darius Milhaud found whimsical inspiration in the jazz idiom. Catalan composer Xavier Montsalvatge was strongly influenced by the music of the Antilles with a jazz flavor. Come hear their songs and those of other composers influenced by all that jazz, presented by two multitalented members of The Riverside Choir.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

Photo credit: Makea McDonald

Just Friends

Nedra Neal, along with pianist Shelton Becton, vocalists Makea McDonald and Gail Blache-Gill and more, will celebrate music that makes the heart sing! Join us for this special heartwarming, foot-tapping, soul-stirring concert of favorites presented by some of New York City's foremost musical talents.



Special Events

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 at 2:00 P.M. | NAVE

Early Music New York

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Geert D'Hollander,Guest Carillonneur

We are thrilled to partner with the Early Music Foundation in celebration of the New York Early Music Celebration 2017, presenting world-renowned carillonneur Geert D'Hollander in concert on Riverside's magnificent Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial Carillon.

Free will offering at the door.

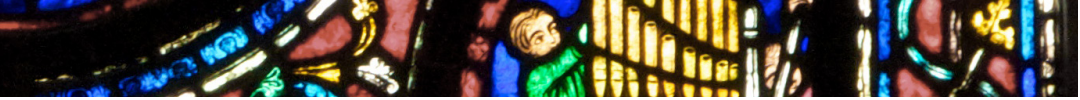
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 at 2:00 P.M. | 9T

Political Potpourri
The Riverside Choir Benefit Tea

Dale Zurbrick, Master of Ceremonies

This year's Benefit Tea features a musical commentary on the political issues of the day: Womens' Health issues, Global Warming, Endangered Species, Immigration, Wall Street, LGBT issues, Gun Control, etc. Among the musical selections you may hear: "Politics and Poker" (Fiorello), "Too Darn Hot" (Kiss Me Kate), and "Wall Street" (Dames at Sea), or an aria from one of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's favorite operas. Proceeds benefit the Choir Endowment Fund, created by Catherine Van Buren.

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



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

40TH ANNUAL ENGLISH HANDBELL FESTIVAL

Eileen Laurence and William H. Griffin, Guest Conductors

3:00 p.m. **Carillon Recital** by Dionisio A. Lind, Carillonneur

3:30 p.m. **Organ Recital** by Christopher Johnson, Director of Music and 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 conductors Eileen Laurence and William H. Griffin. As always, the performance will be a sight to behold and will fill the Nave with splendor!

$20/15. Tickets available at the door.

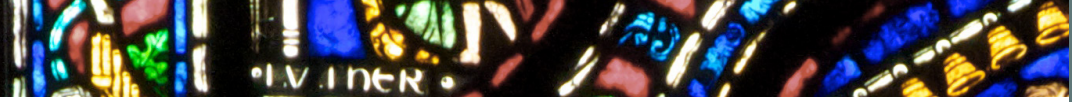
SUNDAY, MAY 6 at 1:00 P.M. | 10TH FLOOR TOWER

THE RIVERSIDE RISING VOICES 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. The members of the Rising Voices will also perform musical solos and share special poems.

$10 suggested donation at the door.



Summer Organ Series

SUMMER TUESDAYS at 7:00 P.M. | NAVE

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.

Han

July 10 **Ahreum Han**
Principal Organist and Artist-in-Residence
First Presbyterian Church, Davenport, Iowa

Hurd

July 17 **David Hurd**
Organist and Director of Music
Church of St. Mary the Virgin, New York City

Krasinski

July 24 **Peter Edwin Krasinski**
Specialist in the art of live silent film accompaniment, worldwide
Boston, Massachusetts
A special concert of live organ improvisation on the silent film classic "The Ten Commandments" (1923), directed by Cecil B. DeMille.

Johnson

July 31 **Christopher Johnson**
Director of Music and Organist
The Riverside Church, New York City

Creaghan

Aug. 7 **Christopher Creaghan**
Associate Organist
The Riverside Church, New York City

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. 8	**Christ Chapel Chamber Series - Alexander Wu and Serendip Piano Trio**
Oct. 15	**Early Music New York - Geert D'Hollander, *Guest Carillonneur***
Nov. 12	**Christ Chapel Chamber Series - Roosevelt Credit, *bass-baritone*; Michael Sheetz, *piano*; Sandra Billingslea, *violin***
Dec. 10	**The Riverside Church School Christmas Pageant** - *Matthew Hommez, Conductor*
Dec. 17	**The Annual Riverside Church Candlelight Carol Festival**
Dec. 24	**Christmas Eve Services**
Dec. 31	**New Year's Eve Watch Night Service**
Jan. 28	**The Riverside Choir Benefit Tea** - Dale Zurbrick, *Master of Ceremonies*
Feb. 11	**Christ Chapel Chamber Series - Heather Hill,** *soprano*
Feb. 25	**Christ Chapel Chamber Series Irene Ryan King,** *mezzo-soprano*; **Beth Robin,** *piano*
Mar. 11	**The Riverside Inspirational Choir -** Nedra Olds-Neal, *Conductor*
Mar. 25	**Palm Sunday**
Mar. 29	**Maundy Thursday**
Mar. 30	**Good Friday Service and Tenebrae**
Apr. 1	**Easter Sunday**
Apr. 15	**40th Annual English Handbell Festival** Eileen Laurence and William H. Griffin, *Guest Conductors*
Apr. 29	**The Riverside Choir - Christopher Johnson, *Conductor***
May 6	**The Riverside Rising Voices Spring Concert and Family Luncheon,** Matthew Hommez, *Conductor*
Jun. 3	**Christ Chapel Chamber Series - Just Friends**
Jul. 10	**Summer Organ Series – Ahreum Han**
Jul. 17	**Summer Organ Series – David Hurd**
Jul. 24	**Summer Organ Series – Peter Krasinski**
Jul. 31	**Summer Organ Series – Christopher Johnson**
Aug. 7	**Summer Organ Series – Christopher Creaghan**

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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 sending a contribution in the enclosed envelope or 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.

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