

**M**usic is central to the cultures of all civilizations, from the most primitive to the most advanced. The instruments may differ, as do the sounds they produce, but there is a common denominator: it appeals directly without the need for explanation or translation. Its attraction is spiritual and emotional rather than intellectual. At St. James', music is integral to our services and liturgy. Though it is entirely normal to have prayer and other services without music, the extra dimension of music enhances our appreciation and understanding of our spiritual experiences.

# Music

**2009-2010**



## Music for Adults

**Canterbury Choir** is the principal adult choir at the 9:10 a.m. liturgy and is comprised primarily of volunteers. This choir sings in a wide variety of musical styles, from anthems incorporating children's choirs to complex Renaissance motets. The Canterbury Choir allows members to maintain a fairly flexible schedule, yet holds to a particularly high standard of choral excellence. Contact Davis Wortman if you are interested in singing in this choir.

**Compostela Choir** is comprised of auditioned professionals and volunteers who represent some of the finest choral singers in New York City. This choir sings each Sunday at 11:15 a.m., maintaining the legacy of the Anglican choral tradition, which elevates the liturgy to a transcendent, other-worldly level. The Compostela Choir sings repertoire representing the finest sacred music from the Renaissance to the present day. In addition to leading the liturgy, the Compostela Choir offers distinctive concerts to the community

as part of the Music at St. James' series. Concert repertoire includes major choral works, often with orchestra, and soloists drawn from the choir.

**Handbell Choir** is open to all adults and youth. The Handbell Choir performs at special festive liturgies and makes occasional appearances throughout the Church year. Handbell Choir is a great introduction to music for those with little experience and is a non-pressured way to become involved in music at St. James'.

## Music for Children and Youth

The Boys' & Girls' Choir (grades 3-12), St. Cecilia Choir (grades 1-2) and Cherub Choir (ages 4-6) allow children of all ages to participate in leading worship, learning musical fundamentals and healthy vocal production. The choirs sing regularly at the 9:10 a.m. Sunday Eucharist as well as at concerts and services of Choral Evensong throughout the year. St. James' also offers tuition-based Suzuki violin classes. For younger

## Educational Forums

**October 19, 6:30 p.m.**

An introduction to the St. James' Bicentennial Organ

**January 12, 5:30 p.m.**

An organ demonstration for children in grades 3-12

**January 14, 4:45 p.m.**

An organ demonstration for children in grades K-2

**February 28, 10:30 a.m.**

Songs for the Centuries: Davis Wortman introduces the bicentennial recording of the St. James' Choirs and previews the March concert

children, We Love to Sing on Thursday afternoons instills a love of music-making and teaches some of the most basic spiritual music.

For more information on Music for Children & Youth, see the Children's & Family Ministries brochure.

## Concerts and Special Events for 2009-2010

There have been songs sung at St. James' Church since its founding 200 years ago, and in the bicentennial year, our music program will pay tribute to the voices and music lifted in song throughout the years.

Visiting artists also grace us with beautiful music, as the acclaimed Voices of Ascension, under the direction of Dennis Keene, make their first visit to St. James' and Early Music New York returns for two concerts this season.

This year also marks the completion of The St. James' Bicentennial Organ. A series of organ demonstrations and recitals will introduce parishioners and music-lovers to this King of Instruments.

Admission to all special music services and organ demonstrations are free. Concert ticket prices are as listed.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 5:30-6:00 P.M.  
Choral Evensong  
Boys' & Girls' Choir

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 6:30 P.M.  
An Introduction to the St. James' Bicentennial Organ, a reception and organ demonstration

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 7:00 P.M.  
Music for All Soul's Day:  
Franck: *Grand Pièce Symphonique*  
Davis Wortman, organ  
Fauré: *Requiem*, op. 48  
St. James' Compostela Choir

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 4:00 P.M.  
Advent Lessons & Carols  
Boys' & Girls' Choir

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6  
Epiphany Lessons & Carols  
Canterbury & Compostela Choirs

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 5:30 P.M.  
Organ Demonstration  
for children in grades 3-12

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 4:45 P.M.  
Organ Demonstration  
for children in grades K-2

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 3:00 P.M.  
Boys' & Girls' Choir Festival Evensong  
The Boys' & Girls' Choirs from St. James' and St. Peter's, Morristown, New Jersey, Brian Harlow, Director of Music & Organist

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 8:00 P.M.  
Voices of Ascension  
Dennis Keene, Music Director  
Signature pieces by Mendelssohn, Rachmaninoff, Bruckner, Holst, Stanford and others  
Tickets: \$55.00-\$10.00, available from Voices of Ascension at [www.voicesofascension.org](http://www.voicesofascension.org) or 212-358-7060, or at the door.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 3:00 P.M.  
Organ Recital  
E. Davis Wortman, Organist  
Tickets: \$20; seniors & students: \$10  
Cook: Fanfare  
Bach: *Concerto in D minor after Vivaldi*, BWV 596  
Alain: *Deuxième Fantaisie*  
Parry: *Fantasia on 'Old Hundredth'*  
Reger: *Introduction and Passacaglia*  
Delius: *On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring*  
Mulet: *Carillon-Sortie*

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 4:00 P.M.  
Bicentennial CD Preview Concert  
St. James' Compostela Choir  
E. Davis Wortman, Conductor  
Tickets: \$20, seniors & students: \$10

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 5:30-6:00 P.M.  
Boys' & Girls' Choir Choral Evensong

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 8:00 P.M.  
Early Music New York  
Tickets: \$40.00, available from Early Music New York at [www.emny.org](http://www.emny.org) or 212-749-6600

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 7:00 P.M.  
Choir of Men and Boys of Lichfield Cathedral in Concert  
Philip Scriven, Organist & Master of the Choristers  
Tickets: \$20; seniors & students: \$10

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 3:30 P.M.  
Organ Prelude Recital,  
E. Davis Wortman  
4:00 P.M.  
Choral Evensong  
St. James' Compostela Choir  
Premier performance of  
*Evening Canticles* by Dean Meyers

Saturday, May 1, 8:00 p.m.  
Early Music New York  
Tickets: \$40.00, available from Early Music New York at [www.emny.org](http://www.emny.org) or 212-749-6600

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 4:00 P.M.  
Choral Evensong with Chorister Recognition  
Boys' & Girls' and St. Cecilia Choirs

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 3:00 P.M.  
Organ Recital  
Christopher Jennings, Organist  
Tickets: \$20; seniors & students: \$10  
Widor: *Symphonie VI*, op. 42, no. 2  
Vierne: *Symphonie VI*, op. 59, no. 5

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