



# St Paul's Choir School

MAKING MUSIC • BUILDING COMMUNITY • CHANGING LIVES

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## WE FINISHED OUR ELEVENTH YEAR

*THE ST PAUL'S CHOIR SCHOOL just concluded its eleventh year!* With your generous support and encouragement, we continue to sing, grow, and learn as we serve the greater Englewood community and beyond. Take a moment to look at our website, [www.stpauls-choirschool.org](http://www.stpauls-choirschool.org) to find out more about what and to find out what you can do to help us continue our success in mentoring and encouraging our choristers.

### BECOMING A CHORISTER

- Children may join at any time;
- Families may visit us for a rehearsal or service; email us at [englewoodchoirschool@gmail.com](mailto:englewoodchoirschool@gmail.com) to arrange an informal audition and interview;
- No prior training or experience is expected or required;
- The program is offered at no cost to participating families commit to the choir schedule;
- Children of any religious affiliation, or no affiliation, are welcome;
- Perfect attendance at rehearsals and all regularly scheduled services and concerts is mandatory and expected.

## About the St Paul's Choir School

Founded in September 2012, the St Paul's Choir School program is based on the idea that all children are able to sing, given encouragement and instruction. We offer tuition-free music education and performance opportunities for girls and boys, ages five through high school. We are a unique after-school program that offers professional choral training, voice and piano lessons, music theory, leadership development, and mentoring to children. Each chorister receives individualized attention in a dynamic, creative, structured, and hands-on setting from caring teachers who are accomplished professionals in their areas of instruction. Our choristers come from Englewood and surrounding towns, representing a wide range of cultural communities and faith traditions. **Everyone is welcome!**

### THE MISSION OF THE ST PAUL'S CHOIR SCHOOL:

#### Making Music, Building Community, Changing Lives

The St Paul's Choir School is a Musical and Educational Outreach of St Paul's Episcopal Church in Englewood, New Jersey. We seek to—

- ✓ Provide solid musical instruction in a friendly and fun environment of mutual respect and achievement;
- ✓ Create opportunities for children to grow in musical and spiritual strengths that nurture their growth;
- ✓ Provide children of diverse abilities and backgrounds with a program of music appreciation and choral performance that seeks to fulfill each child's musical potential.



### CHORISTER'S PRAYER

Bless, O Lord, us Thy servants,  
who minister in Thy temple.  
Grant that what we sing with our lips,  
we may believe in our hearts,  
and what we believe in our hearts,  
we may show forth in our lives.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF SPRING 2023

### COLLEGE

Our graduates are attending schools around the country, including William Paterson University, St. Peter's University, Monroe College, and the United States Military Academy at West Point. Our chorister Lilly just earned her degree at McGill University and will begin her master's degree in composition at Yale this fall.

### WEDNESDAY GATHERINGS

We gathered on Wednesdays for music lessons and choir rehearsals. The choristers worked hard on new repertoire and new skills that develop their musical knowledge and expertise as well as building solid community relationships. We also worked on memorizing prayers and scriptures, including the Lord's Prayer, Psalms, and the Choristers' Prayer (see page one).



### HIGHLIGHTS

- On February 15, Choir School Sunday we sang *Children of the Rainbow* by Rosephanye Powell, an African-American composer and a graduate of Westminster Choir College, and *Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho* arranged by Craig Curry.
- On Ash Wednesday we sang *Lenten Love Song* by Helen Kemp.
- On March 15, Choir School Sunday, we sang *Lenten Love Song* and *Al Shlosa d'varim* by Allan Naplin.
- On Wednesday in Holy Week we sang *Tenebrae* as well as *O pastor animarum* by the poet, composer, and mystic Hildegard von Bingen.
- We led the music at the Great Vigil of Easter, and sang Barry Rose's *Risen Lord*
- On April 16, Choir School Sunday, we played Aaron Copland's arrangement of *Simple Gifts*, with Alexandra singing and Dahlia playing recorder for the prelude.
- On May 21, Choir School Sunday, we sang *Children of the Rainbow* and added percussion instruments, we sang Ken Medema's *Tree Song* with ASL signs, and Dahlia sang *At the River* by Aaron Copland at Communion.
- Please take a moment to check us out on Facebook:



<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulschoirschoolenglewood> Instagram [@stpaulsings4nj](https://www.instagram.com/stpaulsings4nj)



## EVENSONG IN TRENTON

We sang for the annual Choir Camp Reunion Evensong and Installation of Canons at Trinity Cathedral in Trenton on May 13. This was the last Evensong led by Bishop Chip Stokes of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey. Some of our choristers will be going to the Diocese of New Jersey Choir Camp this summer, which will be led by Mark Trautman, Giulia Utz, and Daniel Romero.



## CHORAL FESTIVAL IN DARIEN

We were honored to be asked to join the St. Luke's Choir Festival on Saturday, June 3 in Darien, Connecticut. It was led by Katherine Dienes-Williams, Organist and Master of the Choristers of Guilford Cathedral in England. We joined with choirs from around the tri-state area singing music by Edward Elgar, Herbert Howells, and a new composition by Ms. Dienes-Williams. Our chorister Maggie sang under Ms. Dienes-Williams at the St. Thomas Girl Choir Course last summer, and St. Luke's Church and their Director of Music, David Pulliam, have been steadfast supporters of the St. Paul's Choir School for many years. Many thanks to Mr. Pulliam for the invitation to come!

## DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY CHOIR CAMP

Choristers will participate in the Diocese of New Jersey Summer Choir Camp in Cape May, July 16-20. Tuition is \$495 per camper. To find out more, go to <https://njchoircamp.weebly.com>. **Can you help send a child to camp?** Contact Ms. Giulia at [englewoodchoirschool@gmail.com](mailto:englewoodchoirschool@gmail.com).







## STUDENT RECITAL

Our final event of the year was the student recital on Wednesday, June 14. Students sang, accompanied by Allison Sniffen, a variety of solo songs and duets they've been working on in their lessons. The recital was capped off with a performance of the round *Sing Alleluia!*, which the choristers learned very quickly in a couple sessions. They are proud of their accomplishments and are looking forward to presenting songs with more complicated harmonies. We ended the recital with a cookie party in the Atrium.



## CHALLENGES AHEAD: *How Can I Help?*

Since our first day in 2012, St Paul's Choir School has worked wonders with a small budget and minimal resources. We have managed to change lives and accomplish great things. Thanks to our supporters and benefactors to date, we have been able to build a sustainable and increasingly healthy program. Will you consider contributing to our future? Checks in any amount are always welcome, and all gifts are tax-deductible. [You can send your gift to St Paul's Church, 113 Engle Street, Englewood, NJ 07631; earmark your check to 'St Paul's Choir School.'](#)

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