

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul 2016-17 Concert Series

- October 17, 2016 at 7:30pm

Choral Arts Society of Washington: An Italian Madrigal Journey

An exhilarating new season of choral music begins with an evening of artful songs of love and wit, tracing the evolution of the Italian madrigal as it crosses 16th century Europe, migrates into the British Isles, and continues to the present. This wide-ranging program offers a spectacular array of sumptuous music from Monteverdi and Palestrina to music of our own time.

- November 5, 2016 at 7:30pm

Westminster Williamson Voices: Pärt the Mystic

The Westminster Williamson Voices continue a close relationship with Concerts at the Cathedral Basilica as they return with a stunning work by preeminent Estonian composer Arvo Pärt, his captivating *Kanon Pokajanen*.

- November 19, 2016 at 8pm

Ancient Voices - University of Penn

In the Philadelphia area, Ancient Voices is regarded as one of the premier vocal ensembles specializing in the performance of early music. Ancient Voices returns to the Cathedral Basilica with a program that features music by three English composers of the late Renaissance - William Byrd, Thomas Tallis, and Thomas Tomkins.

- December 11, 2016 at 3pm

Christmas at the Cathedral Basilica

The choirs of the Cathedral Basilica and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia join forces in beautiful carols and the traditional music of Christmas. Resounding brass add to the spectacle as hundreds of voices sing in celebration of festive season!

- February 9, 2017 at 7:30pm

The Tallis Scholars: Venetian Voices

The world-renowned Tallis Scholars return to Concerts at the Cathedral Basilica fresh from their Carnegie Hall appearance with a program featuring signature choral works written expressly for the famed "Church of Gold," Saint Mark's Basilica in Venice.

- March 11, 2017 at 7:30pm

Voices of Spirit - Duquesne University

- March 13, 2017 at 7:30pm

CAPA Choir: The Beauties of American Choral

Some of the most talented young singers in Philadelphia bring a panoply of American choral music to the Cathedral Basilica. The Choir of the Philadelphia Creative and Performing Arts High School sings Samuel Barber's *Agnus Dei* - the choral version of his iconic Adagio for Strings - in a program exploring themes of spirituality and faith, identity and longing, through poignant spirituals and the lush choral harmonies of Eric Whitacre, Leonard Bernstein, Z. Randall Stroope, and Aaron Copland.

- April 28, 2017 at 7:30pm

Vox Luminis: Vintage 1685

It was a very good year! The period ensemble Vox Luminis brings a European perspective to Concerts at the Cathedral Basilica, offering an enlightening program that spotlights two major composers born in 1685, Johann Sebastian Bach and Domenico Scarlatti.

- May 10, 2017 at 7:30pm

Choir of Trinity Wall Street & Trinity Baroque Orchestra: Monteverdi Masterpiece

The GRAMMY-nominated ensemble closes our season with one of the most iconic works of early music, the 1610 Vespers by Claudio Monteverdi, which "stands alone in the repertoire as a culmination of one time-period and the confident heralding of the new," according to director Julian Wachner. Thirty-four voices and a full orchestra fill the Cathedral Basilica with the glorious sounds of this innovative and forward-looking work of early Baroque genius.