

Report of the Dean to Chapter
1975-1976

Cathedral Choir

Director - Paul Callaway, Organist and Choirmaster
Boys - 28
Men - 22

Extra-curricular activities:

Four performances of Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" with the National Symphony at the Kennedy Center, under the composer's baton.

Evensong sung at Christ Church, Rockville, Maryland in honor of its 200th Anniversary.

Evensong sung at the Church of the Ascension and St. Agnes, Washington, D. C., in honor of its 100th Anniversary.

Chapel Choir

Director - Douglas R. Major, Asst. Organist and Choirmaster
Boys - 18
In Training - 5
Appointees to Cathedral Choir - 4 (September 1976)

Summer Seminar

Director - Douglas R. Major
Boys - 14

Previously the Seminar had been financed by Summer Festival funds. This year, because of budget cuts, the Seminar was made possible only through the generosity of the Washington Forrest Foundation and concerned private interests.

Schools' Glee Clubs and Orchestra

Director - Richard Roecklein, Music Master, St. Albans School
St. Albans School - 28 members
National Cathedral School - 40 members

The Madrigal Singers

St. Albans School - 10 members
National Cathedral School - 9 members

Schools' Glee Clubs and Orchestra - cont.The Orchestra

St. Albans School - 12 members
 National Cathedral School - 17 members
 Other schools - 4 members
 Parents - 1 member

Organ Music

The renovation of the Great Organ was completed in the late spring, and organ recitals were resumed in June. Fifteen recitalists performed a repertory of 33 compositions.

During the year, cathedral organists played 168 voluntaries which were listed in service leaflets, as well as countless others which were not.

Cathedral Choral Society

Music Director - Paul Callaway
 Members - 200 (approximately)

Concerts:

Nov. 2	Bach	<u>B Minor Mass</u>
Jan. 2, 3	Busoni	<u>Doctor Faustus</u>
Apr. 24, 25	Corigliano	<u>Fern Hill</u>
		<u>Poem on His Birthday</u>
May 26	Sowerby	<u>Throne of God</u>
	La Montaine	<u>Mass and Te Deum</u>

Bell Ringing

Ringling Master - Richard S. Dirksen
 Cathedral Ringing Society - 15 members, 7 trainees
 Whitechapel Guild - 12 members

During the reporting period, two full peals were attempted on the open bells: July 4, 1975 and July 4, 1976. The second of these was a successful attempt to ring a full peal of Stedman Caters, and portions of the peal were nationally televised.

On three separate occasions the Ringing Master, assisted by handbell ringers, gave public lectures in the Cathedral on the subject of ringing. An estimated total of 1,500 people heard these lectures.

Bell Ringing - cont.

Washington was host to the Annual General Meeting of the North American Guild of Change Ringers over the Labor Day week-end, 1975.

Cathedral Carillon

Carillonneur - Richard P. Strauss
Weekly recital - Saturday, 4:30 p.m.
Guest carillonneurs - 9

Additional carillon events included a special Easter recital, recitals for dedication of the Rose Window, Flower Mart, Upper and Lower School prize day at St. Albans, National Cathedral School graduation, and participation in a performance of John LaMontaine's Te Deum, also a number of weddings.

There was a special tower tour and recital given for the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. Composer Johan Franco came to Washington to hear the world premiere of his Prelude & Toccata No. 35 for carillon.

The Cathedral's carillon record is a significant and positive contribution to the carillon field, and its influence is being felt.