

Report of the Provost to the Chapter

WORSHIP & MUSIC

1982 - 1983

Richard W. Dirksen

MUSIC:

Cathedral Choir	Trebles - 20 scholarship boys
	Altos - 3 Upper School scholarship boys
	Men - 19 receiving salary

The repertory prepared and presented for services ranged from medieval monody through contemporary works and premieres, and included several hundred anthems and motets, hymns, psalms, canticles, responses and settings of the communion ordinary. The full choir sang sixty-four services, three concerts; the men's choir sang twenty-two services; the boys provided hymns, psalms and canticles for ninety-four weekday evensongs and eleven weddings.

Special events for the Cathedral Choir 1982 - 1983:

November 1982	- sang "Carmina Burana" with National Symphony
December 1982	- two performances with the Cathedral Choral Society - "The Joy of Christmas"
	- Concert of "The Christmas Story" by Heinrich Schutz
	- Christmas Day NBC Telecast
March 20, 1983	- Concert with orchestra - Handel's St. John Passion
May 29	- Evensong and Anthems

Junior Choir:

Sixteen boys, ages 9-11, rehearsed twice weekly and sang the 9 am Sunday Eucharist in Bethlehem Chapel from October through May, under the direction of Douglas Major. Seven capable boys were selected for entrance into the Cathedral Choir of Boys and Men, and began their work with fourteen returning boys on September 9, 1982.

In addition, the Junior Choir joined the Cathedral Choir on several occasions for Sunday services, and sang two evensong services on their own.

Fellow in Church Music Program:

In September, John Brooks joined the staff as the first in the re-instated Fellows in Church Music Program. (Last participant was Susan Farmer, in June/July 1976.) Mr. Brooks was in residence for five months, and brought skill and energy to his position. Dr. William Crosbie, on sabbatical leave from St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling, West Virginia, assumed the position from June through August. As an experienced musician and conductor, Dr. Crosbie was invaluable in his assistance in the department, both in his skills and warm, personal approach to the

rest of the cathedral staff. The program continues with the appointment of Saunders Allen from September 1 through June 1984. Mr. Allen, the first black person in the program, continues his work with us in conjunction with studies for a music doctorate at Peabody Conservatory.

Additional Instruments:

There were nine occasions when instruments in addition to organ were used for service.

Organ Recitals:

A total of twenty-three guest organists presented Sunday recitals, playing many hundreds of pieces of organ literature. All of these fine organists presented these programs for no fee, to an average weekly attendance of 225. In addition, half-hour organ demonstrations were given by Douglas Major on Wednesdays to an average of eighty persons.

Visiting Choral Groups:

Nineteen guest choral groups provided music for Sunday Evensong services and concerts and forty-four groups provided 30-minute choral preludes to services. In addition, many groups sang informally in the cathedral while having tours.

Diocesan Musical Events:

With the assistance of the Diocesan Commission on Liturgy and Music, associate organist Douglas Major planned and coordinated the following:

December - Diocesan Girls' Choir Festival Evensong. Participating Choirs: St. Columba's; All Saints, Chevy Chase; St. John's Norwood; St. Francis, Potomac, and St. John's, Olney.

January - Diocesan Convention Eucharist - Eighty singers from sixteen parishes provided the music.

March - Diocesan Boys' Choir Festival Evensong. Participating choirs: Landon School; Grace, Silver Spring; St. Columba's; St. John's, Norwood; Cathedral Choir, Junior Choir; St. Francis, Potomac.

Following is a list of special services for which bulletins were made and/or logistics organized by the Department of Worship (October 1, 1982 - September 30, 1983):

October

- 1 - NCA Eucharist and Dedication Service
- 2 - Open House and Dedication Service
- 17 - Service for the U.S. Navy
- 18 - Bayard/Linder Dedication

- 20 - Observance of Episcopal Schools Week
James Ernest Smith Dedication
- 27 - Parker Dedication
- 31 - Lutheran Reformation Service

November

- 1 - Firestone Dedication
- 7 - Service for U.S. Marines
- 14 - Service for U.S. Army
- 22 - Philadelphia Salient Dedication
- 25 - Thanksgiving Service
- 29 - Adams Dedication

December

- 19 - Cathedral Choir Oratorio "The Christmas Story" Schutz
- 22 - Staff Christmas Service
- 24 - Christmas Eve Service
- 25 - NBC/TV Christmas Service
- 28 - Presidential Wreathlaying

January

- 8 - Norma Blackwell Ordination
- 12 - Ramsbotham Memorial Service
- 16 - Joint Lutheran/Episcopal Service
- 29 - Diocesan Convention Eucharist
- 30 - Washington Bach Consort Concert

February

- 2 - Tribute to Nancy Hanks
Thoron Dedication
- 20 - I Fiamminghi (Belgian Orchestra) Concert
- 25 - Memorial Service for General Williams
- 27 - Special Service - Recognition of Cathedral Chapter and
Canons

March

- 12 - Confirmation Service
- 20 - Cathedral Choir - Handel's "St. John Passion"
- 31 - Reaffirmation of Ordination Vows
Maundy Thursday Service

April

- 1 - Good Friday Service & Faure Requiem
- 2 - Easter Vigil
- 3 - Concert - Mount Union Brass
- 17 - Evensong and O'Driscoll Installation
- 23 - Confirmation Service
- 26 - Beirut Embassy Memorial Service

May

- 1 - Service for U.S. Air Force
- 4 - Seamans Dedication
- 7 - Acolyte Festival
- 8 - Kirkin O' The Tartan
- 21 - Confirmations

June

- 10 - Ordination of Deacons

July

- 4 - Organ Recital - Douglas Major

September

- 9 - KAL Memorial Service
- 25 - Treaty of Paris Service
Companions in World Mission Service
- 28 - NCA Buttress Dedication
- 30 - NCA Installation of President

SUMMER FESTIVAL 1983 - 8:00 pm:

Attendance

July 12	610
Washington Camerata Singers & instrumentalists performing music of the Renaissance	
July 19	744
Washington String Quartet Members of the National Symphony Orchestra playing from the music of Mozart, Beethoven, Ravel, Dvorak & Mendelssohn	
July 26	475
American Vocal Ensemble, Douglas Major, Director Taverner's "Gloria Tibi Trinitas" Mass & con- temporary American works	
August 2	335
Musical Youth International, chorus & chamber orchestra performing a program of sacred music	
August 9	325
An evening with Gene Tucker, tenor Accompanied by Douglas Major on organ & piano	
August 16	1,000
Trumpet & Organ recital. William Neil, National Symphony Orchestra organist; Edward Carroll, trumpet soloist, Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center	

August 23	750
Bach Concerti. Judith Norell, harpsichord, with chamber orchestra	
August 30	700
Abendmusik. James Wright, harpsichord, with Baroque violin & cello & recorder; music of Frescobaldi, Corelli, Bach & Telemann	
September 11 at 4 pm	1,175
Music for High Holy Days. Shir Chadash Choral Society, National Musical Art Foundation	

THE VERGER

John Kraus

Number of Services:

Cathedral services - daily	918
Cathedral services - Sunday	242
Sub-total cathedral services	1,160

Other Cathedral Services:

Baptisms	88
Confirmations	8
Weddings	64
Interments	2
Funerals	9
Memorial Services	32
Schools Services	43
Special Services	53
Other	57
	356
Total services	1,516

Services by other denominations:

St. Francis Polish Catholic	55
Kehilla Hebrew Congregation	28
	83

Total of all services:	1,599
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Guest Preachers:

Episcopal	10
Anglican	3
Roman	2
Lutheran	2
Unknown	10

Total number of worshippers:	193,330
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