



Episcopal Diocese of Texas
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The Twelfth Diocesan Youth Choral Festival
Saturday, February 6, 2016
Dr. Giles Brightwell, Festival Conductor



During the festival day, youth from throughout the diocese will join together to rehearse and offer the music they have prepared with care, singing in the beauty of Christ Church Cathedral, making new friends or seeing Music Camp friends.

Registration 8:30 AM; Rehearsals begin at 9 AM
Lunch provided at mid-day break FESTIVAL SERVICE (OPEN TO ALL) 3 PM

ABOUT THE CONDUCTOR: Born in London in 1970, he attended Harrow School and the University of Durham. He directed the University Chamber Choir and, with Professor Jeremy Dibble, founded the Durham University Consort of Voices. After graduating, he was appointed University Organist and Tutor in Music at Durham. After two years as College Organist at Sidney Sussex College in the University of Cambridge, he moved to become University Organist and Director of the Chapel Choir at the University of Glasgow. Under Dr Brightwell's direction, Glasgow University Chapel Choir regularly undertook broadcasts on BBC radio and television and an annual foreign tour. After posts at St Paul's K Street, Washington DC and Immanuel on the Green in historic New Castle, Delaware, he returned to the UK in 2009 for family reasons and took up the post of Organist and Assistant Director of Music at the twelfth-century Civic and Parish Church of St Mary le Tower, Ipswich. In addition to his work as organist, choral conductor and singer (tenor), Dr.

Brightwell's academic interests include British music of the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries, English cathedral and church music, and institutional history. Having completed an MA in 1998, he completed a PhD in 2006, supervised by Professor Jeremy Dibble, on the history of London's Royal College of Music. He is preparing a critical edition of the sacred choral and organ works of the Victorian organist and composer, Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814-1856). He is the Organist and Choirmaster of St. Thomas Episcopal Church and School, Houston.



MUSIC TO ORDER: From your preferred dealer, AMC Music Houston 800-833-8432 (Patrick), or Cliff Hill Music 800-819-8772

John Rutter *God be in my head*

TO DOWNLOAD

Service Music: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis from Evening Service by C. V. Stanford in B-flat; available on www.imslp.org (print pages 50-59 only) or purchase octavo from music dealers

Anthem: Charles Wood *O thou, the central orb*

HYMNS AND RESPONSES WILL BE SENT TO DIRECTORS ON REGISTRATION

The eligibility for this year's festival is **grade three up through high school**. **Repertoire is scored for SATB** voices. On the festival day, packets will be provided for choristers with copies of the service and the hymns. This special chorister program may be e-mailed to you before you arrive. The hymns and the service leaflet will be 3-hole punched to insert into your folders.

Choir directors, chaperones, and parents are welcome and invited to stay and observe the rehearsals. Youth will be expected to be attentive and respectful to the conductor and the adult volunteers. **Those youth not attending with their choir director or church chaperone must be checked-in by an adult on the day of the festival, and emergency numbers for a parent must be filled in on the permission slip that will be collected at check-in.** The permission slip is attached. **The permission slips must be brought to the festival, emailed, or mailed with the registration form and check.** These permission slips are most important in releasing the Cathedral and the Diocese of Texas of any liability during the festival day.

The cost per chorister attending the festival is \$6.00. The registration fee includes snacks and lunch at the Cathedral. If special circumstances warrant help in the cost of registration, scholarships of \$3.00 per chorister are available. If financial circumstances might prevent your youth from attending the festival, please contact Linda Patterson (letterhead address) or Steve Godowns (below). We do not want finances preventing anyone from attending. If registering by mail, fill out the registration form and return **no later than Wednesday, February 3rd, 2016** to:

Steve Godowns
Festival Registrar
8010 Braes Meadow Dr.
Houston, Texas 77071-1202

godowns49@aol.com
713-774-3117

You may register by phone, e-mail, or by postal mail. Upon receipt of your registration, a confirmation e-mail will be sent to you.

We look forward to meeting you at your cathedral for this celebration of our diocesan youth and their talents. Please mark your calendars now and plan to be a part of this event!