

Hello everyone!

Music Hour Recap 2/16/23

Last week, I was very excited to present my own choir, the Mater Dei High School Chamber Singers. Since I wasn't able to stay for the discussion, I'll leave some answers to the questions asked during the Music Hour below.

Q: Who came up with the choreography?

A: Much of it comes from choreo created by the Batavia Madrigal Singers since it is an Indonesian inspired song.

Q: Where is Mater Dei located and is it a magnet school?

A: We are located in Santa Ana, CA, which is in the very center of Orange County. Although we aren't a magnet school, we are a private Catholic school that has a huge emphasis on extracurriculars. Our school boasts the top ranked football team in the U.S. too in addition to an excellent choral program!

If any of you are in Orange County, our next major concert is on March 21st at the Segerstrom Concert Hall in Costa Mesa. Tickets can be purchased here:

https://www.materdeiarts.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1547716&type=d&pREC_ID=1673809.

If you have any other questions about the choir, please feel free to reach out to me at tranhhubert@gmail.com.

The rest of the hour was spent discussing experiences with listening to choral music, singing, and music listening and practice resources. If you missed this hour, you can watch the recording here:

 [video1544175814 1.mp4](#)

Additionally, here are the links to the music practice resources mentioned in the meeting:

<https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/>

<https://www.meludia.com/>

This Week's Music Hour 2/23/23

This week's music hour will take place from 1:30-2:30pm PST (different from our usual time). I will be performing again on the organ! I am also very excited for it since I was able to reserve time on the 5th largest organ in the world, the Hazel Wright Organ at Christ Cathedral, Orange County, CA. Please look below for some more info on the organ, the program, and my bio.

Hazel Wright Organ:

<https://www.christcathedralcalifornia.org/hazelwrightorgan/>

This year is actually the dedication of the organ—a celebration of the organ completing its full restoration after years of neglect. Below is a link to our concert series showcasing

some of the most prominent concert musicians in the world, and I will be performing in one of them on May 31st: <https://www.christcathedralmusic.org/yearofhazel>

Program:

J.S. Bach, *Passacaglia and Fugue in c minor, BWV 582*

Charles-Marie Widor, *Symphony op. 42 No. 6, I. Allegro*

Bio:

Hubert Tran is an 18-year-old organist, choral singer, and pianist. He began his musical studies at the age of 5 studying the piano and eventually began singing in choirs and playing the organ at Christ Cathedral, Garden Grove, CA. As a pianist, he completed the Certificate of Merit program with State Honors and made his Carnegie Hall debut at the age of 17. He has also spent much of his time immersing himself in choral music, serving as a singer at Christ Cathedral and Mater Dei High School. While there, he helped prepare choirs for performances at venues such as Carnegie Hall, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and St. Peter's Basilica and worked with conductors such as John Romeri and Mack Wilberg. However, Hubert primarily spends his time studying the pipe organ and has served as Cathedral Organ Scholar at Christ Cathedral for the past 5 years, home of the 5th largest organ in the world. As an organist, he has been an invited guest for concerts hosted by the American Guild of Organists (AGO) and was a finalist in the 2022 National Young Organist competition hosted by the AGO. He hopes to continue studying the organ and choral conducting in college along with a secondary major in psychology or neuroscience.

Have a great rest of your week!

-Hubert :)