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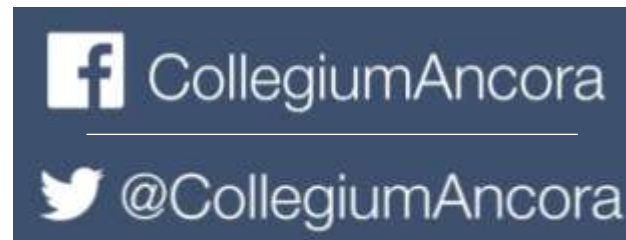
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For questions regarding any aspect of *Collegium Ancora*, to discuss auditioning, or booking the choir for an event, please contact Vince Edwards at vedwards@gracepvd.org or by calling (401)331-3225, ex. 4

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a professional chamber choir for the ocean state
est. 2016

Vincent Edwards
Founder & Artistic Director



2021 – 2022
Season

ABOUT THE ENSEMBLE

MISSION

Dedicated to enriching the Ocean State through the choral arts, by singing music from times ancient to modern, sacred to secular, all in celebration of the human voice.

Founded in 2016, *Collegium Ancora* is a professional chamber choir made up of talented singers from all over Rhode Island. The group serves as ensemble-in-residence at Grace Episcopal Church in Providence, rehearsing and performing in the splendid 170-year old building. Vince Edwards, our founding Artistic Director, wanted to build a group that was really indigenous to Rhode Island, celebrating the talent and musical ability that is so present in Providence and the greater Rhode Island community. The choir has approximately 40 members on the roster and between 18 and 24 singers will perform at any given concert. The name was chosen for a several reasons – *collegium*, which means “a group whose members pursue shared goals”; and *ancora* which is Latin for hope and anchor, both present on the Rhode Island state seal.



SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCES

2021 – 2022

To Life and Love...

Friday, September 24th

6:00 PM

Join us for our Annual Cabaret Fundraiser, held in The Pavilion at Grace Church. Enjoy drinks and food while being serenaded by our talented singers!

Händel-MANIA!

Sunday, October 17th

4:00 PM

The first concert performance of the season will feature George Frederic Händel's setting of Psalm 110: Dixit Dominus from 1707, along with arias from the composer's great operas. Collegium Ancora will be joined by the Providence Baroque Chamber Orchestra.

The Glory of Great Britten

Sunday, February 20th

4:00 PM

Join us for a delightful afternoon concert featuring masterworks by the 20th century, English composer, Benjamin Britten. The program will include *The Five Flower Songs* and the well-known cantata *Rejoice in the Lamb* which artfully sets Christopher Smart's idiosyncratic, 18th century text to music.

Isn't it Romantic?

Sunday, May 1st

4:00 PM

Celebrate the season of spring with some of the most lush, secular choral music of the 19th century! Composers featured on the program will include some of the pillars of the Romantic era, such as Johannes Brahms, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, and Joseph Rheinberger.

REPERTOIRE

While *Collegium Ancora* focuses on sacred *a cappella* (unaccompanied) music, the group sings quite a diverse repertoire, which is reflected in the schedule of performances each season.



Recent concerts have included G.F. Händel's oratorio *Israel in Egypt*, Henry Purcell's *Te Deum and Jubilate*, Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria, Choral Dances* from Benjamin Britten's *Gloriana*, *O schöne Nacht* by Johannes Brahms, and David Conte's *Elegy to Matthew Shepherd*.

SPARK COMPOSITION COMPETITION

In addition to their own programming, *Collegium Ancora* is pleased to serve as the premiering ensemble for winners of the SPARK Composition Competition. The selected works are presented at one of the scheduled performances during each season. In 2019, the first winner of the competition was *To the Rainbow* by Dr. Tamsin Jones of Carlisle, England.

