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THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE PRESENTS
MOST ELEVATING OF VOICES
THE MUSICAL LEGACY OF ANDREW CARNEGIE:
A TRANSATLANTIC CELEBRATION

New York (October 30, 2013) – The Cathedral of St. John the Divine will continue the 2013/14 *Great Music in a Great Space* concert series, under the artistic direction of Kent Tritle, with ***Most Elevating of Voices***, celebrating the musical legacy of Andrew Carnegie, on **Wednesday, November 20th at 7:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, 1047 Amsterdam Avenue (at 112th Street), Manhattan.**

Presented by Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Carnegie UK Trust, ***Most Elevating of Voices*** pairs the Cathedral with Dunfermline Abbey in Scotland in a dual concert miniseries as part of a bi-continental remembrance of Andrew Carnegie's generous support of organ and choral music. Carnegie made gifts of more than \$6 million to support the purchase of some 7,600 church organs in the United States and United Kingdom. His creation of the Carnegie UK Trust in 1913 made possible the publication of a definitive ten-volume edition of choral works by some of the greatest Tudor composers.

The Cathedral's concert, whose twinned performance took place in Scotland on October 12, will feature music from the pipe organ, which Carnegie called "the most elevating of voices," as well as choral music particularly associated with the Carnegie UK Trust. The evening will also showcase the Cathedral Choir alongside the Oratorio Society of New York and the Manhattan School of Music Chamber Choir.

The program will include **Felix Mendelssohn's** "Thanks be to God" from *Elijah*; **George Frederic Handel's** "Worthy is the Lamb" from *Messiah*; works by 20th-century composers **Herbert Howells** and **Edgar Leslie Bainton**, both of whose work was supported by the Carnegie UK Trust; Tudor anthems by **William Byrd**, **Peter Phillips**, **Thomas Tallis** and **Thomas Weelkes**; and Organ works by **Bach** and **Mendelssohn** performed by **Kent Tritle** and **Raymond Nagem**.

Great Music in a Great Space reintroduces the legendary concert series held at the Cathedral in the 1980s. The 2013/2014 Season includes choral/orchestral concerts, organ recitals and the Cathedral's signature holiday concerts with repertoire spanning from this celebration of Andrew Carnegie's musical legacy to Bach's *St. John Passion* and more. In addition to the acclaimed Cathedral Choir and Cathedral Orchestra, concerts will feature soloists including singer/songwriter Judy Collins, Metropolitan Opera baritone John Michael Moore, and world-music specialist Nina Stern with instrumental ensemble Rose of the Compass.



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Tickets start at \$25. To purchase tickets or for information on future concerts please visit <http://www.stjohndivine.org/visit/calendar/events/music/3922/most-elevating-of-voices>.

About The Cathedral

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine is the Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. It is chartered as a house of prayer for all people and a unifying center of intellectual light and leadership. People from many faiths and communities worship together in services held more than 30 times a week; the soup kitchen serves roughly 25,000 meals annually; social service outreach has an increasingly varied roster of programs; the distinguished Cathedral School prepares young students to be future leaders; Adults and Children in Trust, the renowned preschool, afterschool and summer program, offers diverse educational and nurturing experiences; the outstanding Textile Conservation Lab preserves world treasures; concerts, exhibitions, performances and civic gatherings allow conversation, celebration, reflection and remembrance—such is the joyfully busy life of this beloved and venerated Cathedral.

The Cathedral is open 7 days a week from 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM. There is a suggested admission of \$10.00 per person. Please visit stjohndivine.org for more information and a schedule of public programs.

About Carnegie Corporation of New York

Carnegie Corporation of New York was established by Andrew Carnegie in 1911 to promote the advancement and diffusion of knowledge and understanding. In keeping with this mandate, the Corporation's agenda focuses on the issues that Andrew Carnegie considered of paramount importance: international peace, the advancement of education and knowledge, and the strength of our democracy. Please visit www.carnegie.org for more information.

About the Carnegie UK Trust

The Carnegie UK Trust works to improve the lives of people throughout the UK and Ireland, by changing minds through influencing policy, and by changing lives through innovative practice and partnership work. The Carnegie UK Trust was established by Scots-American philanthropist Andrew Carnegie in 1913, and we are delighted to be celebrating our centenary in 2013. Please see our website for further information on our centenary plans. www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk

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