

MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S WITH THE HARLEM CHAMBER PLAYERS

"HARLEM'S OWN CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES"



NEWS

Our 2010 – 2011 season was an eventful and exciting year for us! We were awarded our first grants, our roster is growing as more of New York's finest musicians join us, and we have taken our first steps toward incorporating as a fully fledged 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. We are making our mark in the community, as evidenced by the record turnout we had for our Spring Finale Concert and an invitation from the world-renowned Dance Theatre of Harlem to participate in their own Sunday Matinée Finale. We are now hard at work to make this upcoming season better than our last, and we hope to see you at our concerts this season.



(Left to right are violinist Richard Brice, WQXR radio host Terrance McKnight and author Eric K. Washington.)

2010 – 2011 HIGHLIGHTS

Violinist Richard Brice joined our roster and Advisory Board. The *New York Amsterdam News* mentioned Richard in an article and suggested hearing him play on his beautiful 1755 Nicholas Gagliano viola.

WQXR radio host Terrance McKnight hosted our 3rd Annual Black History Month Celebration, and he will be back for our 4th Annual Celebration.

Eric K. Washington, journalist, historian, photographer and author of *Manhattanville: Old Heart of West Harlem*, was our special guest host for our Spring Finale Concert. He also recently joined our Advisory Board.

As of April 2011 we are incorporated as a non-profit organization, The Harlem Chamber Players, Inc. We hope to have our 501(c)(3) status by the end of this season.

We received grants from:

- The Lower Manhattan Cultural Council
- Columbia Community Service
- Daniel & Joanna S. Rose Fund
- Harlem Arts Alliance

NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

We have a new Facebook page, The Harlem Chamber Players. Please note this replaces the old Music at St. Mary's page. If you haven't had a chance to do so yet, please visit www.facebook.com/TheHarlemChamberPlayers and click the **Like** button toward the top of the page.

2011 – 2012 SEASON

Mark your calendars with our concert dates for the upcoming season. Purchase season subscription tickets online before August 31 for only \$50—a \$10 savings!

- September 18, 2011: Season Opening Concert**
- November 13, 2011: An Afternoon of Bach in Harlem**
- February 26, 2012: Black History Month Celebration**
- April 29, 2012: Spring Finale Concert**



New musicians joining us this year include legendary trumpeter Wilmer Wise, violinist Suzanne Ornstein, pianist Richard Alston, violist Amadi Azikiwe, and more.

Our programs this season will include some of the most beautiful works in chamber music, including the Brahms *Clarinet Quintet*, Dvořák's *Serenade* for winds and strings, Schubert's "*Trout*" *Quintet* and Bach's *Brandenburg Concertos Nos. 5 & 6*. Concerts take place at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Harlem. Visit our website www.harlemchamberplayers.org for details and make sure to join our email list for concert announcements and news.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

New to our board this year is Karen Hurley, clinical psychologist and experienced grantwriter who serves as our secretary. New to our Advisory Committee are William Hoch, who serves as bookkeeper, and Amy Fraser, who serves as coordinator for Educational and Community Outreach.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have helped support our series. All grants and donations are greatly appreciated. We continue to raise funds in order to present memorable concerts right here in Harlem!