

CHAPLAINCY MUSIC

2025-2026 newsletter

Welcome to the University Chaplaincy Music Program! Music permeates life at the University Chaplaincy; on any given day you can hear our historic carillon bells chiming at 5 PM alongside choral rehearsals and organ practice.

In our interfaith, multi-generational choir Voices for Peace and Light, accomplished music majors and professional musicians sing alongside people who are brand new to choral singing. Two of our most popular recent offerings, the Carillon Concerts and special Advent services featuring chants from a Tisch Special Collections ancient manuscript, were spearheaded by an undergraduate student and a library sciences graduate student, respectively.

All are welcome to make music with us here, regardless of your musical background or prior training. Come sing in a choir, explore the organ and carillon, accompany singing at a weekly service, play for our Spanish/English bilingual Mass, attend a concert, or let us know your ideas for shared, spiritual connection through music.

I look forward to meeting you and learning how you would like to become involved in the music at the University Chaplaincy.

Sincerely,
Suzie Cartreine
Music Director



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Suzanne Cartreine**

Regular Programming

- Voices for Peace and Light
(rehearsal Thursdays, 12:10 – 1:10 PM)
- Carillon Concerts
- Choral Scholars
- Piano Scholars
- Meet the Organ
- Music for Baccalaureate and
University Chaplaincy Signature
Events
- Catholic Mass Choir
(rehearsal Sundays, 4:00 PM)
- Protestant Evening Worship



**Voices for Peace and Light sings at Pax et Lux
concert, December 2024**



**The University Chaplaincy's Music Program
seeks to enrich the lives of members of the
greater Tufts community through shared
musical experience and expression.**

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Program Spotlight: Carillon Concerts

The 15-bell carillon housed in Goddard Chapel's tower heralds the evening every day at 5:00 PM with two songs. Operated via a keyboard console within Goddard Chapel, the carillon can be played by anyone with some piano skills. Each semester, members of the Tufts community are invited to a carillon concert. A wide variety of music peals across campus; recent performances featured music of J. S. Bach, John Williams, Snow Patrol and Dave Brubeck.



Performers for the Spring Carillon Concert, March 2025



"Being a choral scholar gave me unique opportunities that allowed me to grow musically and personally. Certainly, no other job would have me sing backup for Dee-I, lead my own rehearsal, and work one-on-one with singers whose voices I got to know over the course of a year. Most of all, singing with Voices for Peace and Light brought me into an immensely diverse and welcoming community, which meant everything to me as a first-year.

I got to know Tufts faculty, grad students, alumni, and greater Somerville/Medford community members, people who probably would have never come across each other otherwise. I became great friends with one alum in particular, and every time we grab lunch and catch up I am so grateful we could find each other through music."

—Jordan Rosh, A27



After years away from choral singing, it felt like fate when Tufts, my alma mater, sent out an invite to join a new interfaith choir open to the community. I wasn't sure I could make it work—or if my voice was ready—but two seasons later, I'm so grateful for Voices of Peace and Light. Once a week, I get to put aside the world and make beautiful music in a welcoming, intergenerational community. Suzie chooses pieces that are both accessible and deeply satisfying to sing. I hope the choir continues to grow and I can't wait to see what the next season brings.

—Laura Rotolo, J97, F00

SUPPORT CHAPLAINCY MUSIC AT TUFTS UNIVERSITY

A vital portion of our programs are made possible by community donations. Here are some suggestions for how you can help make a difference in students' lives:

- **\$25** provides refreshments after the carillon concert
- **\$75** contributes to the cost of new music stands and copies of a choral anthem for Voices of Peace and Light
- **\$150** pays a student musician to perform at special services



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