

75 YEARS, 75 *Stories*



Share Your Story with Us

Have you sung in the chorus for twenty years? Sat in our audience for one unforgettable concert? Been a loyal donor because you passionately believe in the the work we do? Whoever you are and however you came to the Cathedral Choral Society, we want to hear your story.

In the style of the StoryCorps project, these recordings are best done in pairs! Sit down with your spouse, friend, roommate, child - and have a conversation about how CCS is a part of your life. We've provided guidelines to help in your conversation below, and technical details about recording at home are on a separate sheet.

Prefer to have us come to you? A CCS 75 Stories volunteer will be happy to record a conversation with you! Contact Lindsay Sheridan, Director of Marketing & Communications, at ls Sheridan@cathedral.org or 202-537-5526 to schedule your recording session.

1 PLAN YOUR QUESTIONS

Before recording anything, take some time to plan the questions you'll include in your discussion. This preparation will help you think through your Cathedral Choral Society memories and focus in on your favorite stories. Some suggested questions are:

- How did you first find out about CCS?
- What was the first concert you sang in/attended?
- What was your favorite concert you sang in/attended?
- Do you remember singing in the Cathedral when it was still under construction?
- Did you meet our founding music director, Paul Callaway?
- How long have you been involved in CCS/attended CCS concerts?
- What keeps you coming back for more?
- Why is choral music important to you?
- What is it like experiencing music in the Cathedral?

2 RECORD YOUR CONVERSATION

When you're ready, press record. Keep the conversation relaxed and flowing naturally. Think of it as a conversation, not an interview. Start with simple warm-up questions. Ask open-ended questions. Respond in vivid detail. Talk about both your past and present experiences with the Cathedral Choral Society.

Please limit total recording time to no more than **15 minutes**. If necessary, we'll take care of trimming down your conversation a bit and then share it with the world!

3 THANK YOU!

We are so grateful to have you as a part of our special anniversary year. Thank you for participating. Now, sit back and watch the story bank grow throughout the season!