

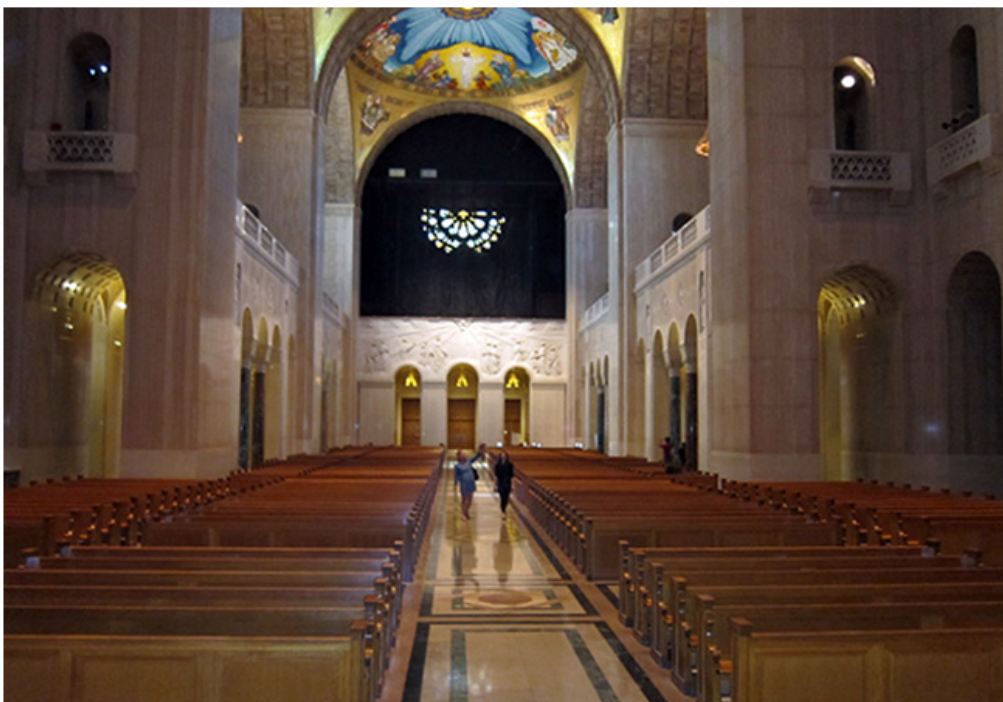
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The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington DC. Photo: Roger Lloyd.

Washington DC

The New Zealand Youth Choir party departs from the 'Big Apple' on the morning of 7 December for Washington DC. Built on land donated by the states of Maryland and Virginia, the federal district was founded in 1791 to serve as the new national capital. The centres of all three branches of the federal government of the United States are in 'the District' including the Congress, President, and Supreme Court. Washington is home to many national monuments and museums, which are primarily situated on or around the National Mall. The city hosts 176 foreign embassies as well as the headquarters of many international organisations.

The **Church of the Epiphany**, built in 1844 is an historic Episcopal church located at 1317 G Street, NW. It is a popular venue for music performances and its own Tuesday Series of concerts is managed by Director of Music, Jeremy Filsell, the well-known piano and organ soloist. The New Zealand Embassy is located at 37 Observatory Circle, NW (next door to the British Embassy) in the favoured Embassy Row/ Massachusetts Avenue area and the ambassador is the Rt. Hon Mike Moore. The **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception** is the largest Roman Catholic church in North America, and one of the ten largest churches in the world. Nearly one million people visit the Basilica each year and its 'Visiting Choir' programme offers choral groups an opportunity to share their talents with those who come to the National Shrine.

The NZ Youth Choir will present a full concert programme from its tour [repertoire](#) in the Church of the Epiphany on Saturday, 7 December at 8.00pm - admission by donation. On Sunday, 8 December the Youth Choir will give a private concert at the NZ Embassy and go on to the National Shrine for a short performance at 5.30pm after afternoon Mass.

The New Zealand Youth Choir tour ends in Washington.

Over the months April to November 'Fine Tune' is previewing the New Zealand Youth Choir's 2013 tour of the USA & Canada (21 November to 11 December) with photographs and information about the venues in which NZYC will perform.

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Please [givealittle](#) to the New Zealand Youth Choir Tour Fund at www.givealittle.co.nz/org/choirsNZ/donate or on the website: www.choirsnz.co.nz/usa-canada-2013/get-involved.

And if you have given already – **THANK YOU!**

Farewell Concert

At Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell on Wednesday, 20 November at 7.30pm the New Zealand Youth Choir performs a 'Farewell Concert' just 24 hours before it takes off on a three-week tour of the USA and Canada. The Choir, with Music Director, David Squire, will perform the following:

Andrew Baldwin
Robert Schumann
Herbert Howells

Magnificat
Four Double Choruses, Op.141
Take him, earth, for cherishing

Stephen Lange	He wishes for the cloths of heaven
David Hamilton	Una Noche de Verano
Elliott Carter	Musicians wrestle everywhere
R. Murray Schafer	Miniwanka (or The Moments of Water)
Michael Tippett arr	Five Spirituals from <i>A Child of Our Time</i>
Steal Away, Nobody knows, Go down,	Moses, By and By, Deep River
Traditional arr Terry Schlenker	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Te Whanau Wehi arr	Te Iwi e

Tickets are available from [iTicket](#) and also available from Conch Records, Ponsonby and Real Groovy, Queen Street. Door sales (CASH ONLY).

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