

# **SOUTH CHURCH**

## **Musician in Residence (MiR) Program**

Mission: To provide space for local musicians to create (teach, write, and practice) and showcase (in worship, outreach/concerts, and educational workshops/masterclasses) their music in exchange for “in-reach” and “out-reach,” resulting in bringing people together through a common love of music in a safe and sacred space.

The MiR program will enable South Church to:

- Enhance music and the arts for people of all ages in a welcoming environment
- Expand and diversify musical and artistic offerings to engage listeners on a deeper level
- Promote musical and artistic offerings as an outreach to the greater community
- Foster unique communication and expression among those who love music
- Provide spiritual and educational experiences through sacred music

The MiR program will enable South Church to provide support to local artists by:

- Providing space to create, teach, rehearse, and showcase their work
- Offering access to instruments (e.g. Yamaha S7X concert grand piano & Bozeman pipe organ)
- Giving opportunities to collaborate with musicians and artists of various levels and experiences
- Sharing news of events and projects to our congregation and the greater community
- Mentorship by our professional musical staff

A Sample Year with a MiR

- January: masterclass with the Sanctuary Choir on how to create more resonance
- February: special music offered during worship
- March: outreach concert featuring works by women composers
- April: augmenting the Sanctuary Choir for Holy Week and Easter worship
- May: a series of private lessons with each member of the Youth Choir
- June: vocal coachings with members of the Sanctuary Choir
- July: provide support for when the Minister of Music is on vacation
- August: research and write for grants to expand the reach of the music ministry
- September: “Sing Like a Sparrow—Not a Donkey!” vocal health workshop for youth
- October: provide assistance for the annual Halloween Organ & Light Show
- November: “Songs of Service” Veteran’s Day Concert
- December: give support in the busy time of Advent and Christmas, including Joy Sunday

## South Church Musician in Residence (MiR) Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Instrument(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary instrument(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Facebook URL or Username: \_\_\_\_\_ Instagram URL: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed MiR Starting Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Length of MiR:    1 month    3 months    6 months    1 year fixed    1 year renewable

Please answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper:

1. What do you hope to gain, learn, and/or acquire during your residency?
2. In what ways can you contribute to South Church and our community during your residency?
3. What do you propose as specific timeline? (See the Sample Year above as a guide.)
4. How do you envision your residency will expand the outreach of our music ministry?
5. How does your current situation/space prevent you from accomplishing your musical goals?
6. Why is a residency important to you at this time?
7. Is there another artist you hope to collaborate with during your residency? If so, please list their name, describe ways in which you would like to work together, and explain how your collaboration will enrich your musicianship and the music ministry of South Church?
8. How did you hear about the South Church MiR program?
9. Is there anything else you would like to share at this time?

What kind of workspace(s) and instruments will you need? Check all that may apply:

- Sanctuary (3-manual Bozeman Organ, concert grand piano)
- Music Room (grand piano, upright piano, bell tables)
- Chapel (upright piano, air conditioning)
- Music Library (Yamaha Clavinova keyboard, air conditioning)
- Fellowship Hall (baby grand piano)
- Classroom space
- Orff instruments and/or Schulmerich handbells

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit this application along with a sample recording,  
headshot, short biography, and resume and/or CV to:**

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