

LUX

Garnering praise from such composers as Eric Whitacre, Ola Gjeilo, and Paul Mealer, Lux is a semi-professional chamber choir that specializes in contemporary choral music. Founded in 2014 by member Robby Napoli, this award-winning ensemble performs with a dedication to excellence, innovation, and accessibility in choral performance, bringing their youth to light through their excitement for vocal art music.

Lux has been met with some of the highest compliments from professors at local conservatories, the world's most loved composers, music educators, professional musicians, and casual audience members all over the east coast. Their release, *Now Ye Heavenly Powers*, featuring over an hour of stunning music, was met with great acclaim from composers, critics, and more, becoming the Featured Choral Album on Classical MPR's choral radio station, joining other past winners such as Voces8, Tenebrae, and The Sixteen, to name a few.

After seven high school friends gathered to record Morten Lauridsen's *Ave Dulcissima Maria* and other favorites from their high school choir on a mother's camcorder, soon-to-be director Robby Napoli, baritone John Mullan, and bass Thomas Rust began scheming to do it again, this time with the focus on Eric Whitacre's *Sainte-Chapelle*. The next Winter, they gathered again with still more passionate and young singers, and a choir was born. In the Summer of 2016, the group finally settled on a name, Lux, put on their first concert, and released their first album. Today, they've finished nine seasons over a span of four years, have been recognized as one of Washington D.C.'s best choirs, and are on their way to releasing their third album.

With engagements in the Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C. areas, Lux continues to grow its name along the east coast as it works further towards its mission to excite and inspire audiences with innovative, engaging, and accessible concert experiences.

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