LUX **Biography** Long-Form

Lux is a chamber choir dedicated to accessibility to professional-quality choral music performance and education and based in the Washington, D.C. area. Founded in 2014 by a small group of high school friends, the ensemble performs with a dedication to excellence, innovation, and accessibility in choral performance.

Lux has been met with acclaim from professors at local conservatories, the world's most popular composers, fellow musicians, and audience members alike. The group has earned praise from famed composers such as Eric Whitacre, Paul Mealor, and Ola Gjeilo. Composers, music educators, performers, and listeners all over the east coast have called the group "beautiful", "powerful", and "incredibly impressive".

Lux's singers hail from some of the finest conservatories and schools of music across the United States, and have performed everywhere from local churches to university concert halls to high-profile national venues such as Carnegie Hall and The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Lauded for their passion towards contemporary choral music, Lux's programs are often packed with living composers. They have given six world premieres since 2019, including their first commission and first composition contest during their 2021 program, *Christmas From Home*.

As a group which began with a small group of high school students, Lux also works to create opportunities for and inspire the next generation of young choral artists through residencies and Educational Miniseries.

In 2021, Lux won two Wammies for Best Choral Group and Best Choral Album for their Christmas release, *My Lord Has Come*. In 2019, Lux was named Best Local Choral Group, along with first-place 18th Street Singers and runner-up Capitol Hill Chorale, in the Best of DC competition held by Washington City Paper. Lux's first commercial release, *Now Ye Heavenly Powers*, was met with acclaim from composers, critics, and others, becoming the Featured Choral Album on Classical MPR's choral radio station, joining such groups as Voces8, Seraphic Fire, and Tenebrae.

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