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December 2021 Events & Story Ideas

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The Music of Ephrata Cloister

Thursday, December 9, 2021

7pm ET | Online via Zoom

On Thursday, December 9, musicologist Christopher Dylan Herbert will join LancasterHistory virtually to share his work exploring the history of the Ephrata Cloister, an 18th-century celibate commune located in Lancaster County, and its music.

The solitary sisters and brothers of the Ephrata Cloister produced a variety of printed hymnals and music manuscripts, leaving behind a large corpus of material that is now located in various libraries, archives, and private collections in the United States and United Kingdom. Herbert's research reveals America's first known women composers, Sister Föben, born Christianna Lassle (1717–1784), Sister Ketura, born Catherine Hagamann (1718–1797), and Sister Hanna, born Hannah Lichty (1714–1793).

Christopher Dylan Herbert is an American baritone and musicologist who performs concerts, recitals, and operas throughout the world. He is a two-time GRAMMY® nominee in the Chamber Music/Small Ensemble category, and he is a Gramophone Award finalist in the field of Early Music. For ten years, he recorded and toured extensively with his ensemble, New York Polyphony. Chris produced *Voices in the Wilderness*, an album that includes the compositions of the female composers of the Ephrata Cloister, and was recorded in the Meetinghouse at the cloister, the original building the music would have been intended for.

HOW TO REGISTER

This event will take place **online via Zoom** on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 7pm Eastern. **This is NOT an in-person event.**

The program is free and open to the public but requires advance registration. Register online by visiting lancasterhistory.org/events or by calling (717) 392-4633. **Your link to the Zoom event will be emailed to you upon successful registration.** Registration for this program will close online on December 9 at 6:50pm ET.

Continuing this December...

Yuletide at Wheatland

November 24 - December 30, 2021

Wednesdays - Saturdays, 10am - 3pm

Visit LancasterHistory and discover the holiday traditions—and the histories behind them—during James Buchanan's lifetime. In a guided tour, a historically costumed guide will take visitors through both floors of the decorated mansion, imparting stories and histories about Buchanan's public and personal life through the lens of Yuletides past. From gift giving to trimming the tree, visitors will find out how Yuletide traditions developed over the course of the mid-Victorian era in America.

Yuletide at Wheatland began November 24 and runs through December 30. Tours are available Wednesdays – Saturdays, on the half hour, from 10am (first tour of the day) until 3pm (last tour of the day). LancasterHistory will offer additional Yuletide tours on the select Mondays and Tuesdays of December 20, 21, 28, and 29 only.

Tickets are now available [online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633. Tickets are \$17/Adults (14+), \$8/Children (6-13), and free for small children (5 & Under). Family Passes are available as well. For more information, please visit lancasterhistory.org/yuletide. Yuletide at Wheatland General Admission tickets include a guided Yuletide at Wheatland tour plus self-guided access to LancasterHistory's museum exhibitions. For more information about LancasterHistory's Health & Safety protocols, please view our [Health & Safety Protocols for Visitors](#).