

Joseph Hébert

Joseph Hébert – cellist, choral director, educator and pastoral music minister performs in the San Francisco area and has toured in Japan, Africa, and Europe as well as throughout the United States. He has shared the concert stage and recording studio with hundreds of artists from the classical and popular music worlds including: Carlos Santana, Stevie Wonder, Plácido Domingo, Ray Charles, Jesse Norman, and Marilyn Horne among many others. Joseph is also a voting member of the Grammy Recording Academy.



Mr. Hébert is the Assistant Principal Cello of the Oakland East Bay Symphony in California. He also performed with the Skywalker Symphony on numerous film and video recording sessions including the Grammy nominated CD compilation entitled "John Williams Conducts, John Williams the Star Wars Trilogy / Skywalker Symphony." He has been described by the Oakland Tribune as "one of the most eloquently expressive cellists in the (San Francisco) Bay area."

Joseph Hébert is the Director of Music Ministry at Corpus Christi Church in Piedmont. Through an invitation to perform in Rome, he recently returned with his choir from a tour of Rome, Florence and Assisi Italy where they performed a captivating performance of diverse selections in St Ignatius Church, as well as a special performance for the pontiff, Pope Benedict XVI. Mr. Hébert was especially well received after playing his arrangement of Adoro Te Devote on cello in St Peter's Basilica during a Mass.

Joseph Hébert served for over 15 years on the faculty of the University of California at Berkeley (UC Berkeley) Young Musicians Program. While there he was a 'cello instructor, coach for string ensembles, as well as the String Orchestra conductor. He directed multiple choruses, with the largest choir consisting of over 100 students. The program provides comprehensive music training and scholarships to highly musically gifted disadvantaged Junior High and High School students of the San Francisco Bay Area, many who have become renowned artists in the jazz, contemporary, and classical music genres. As a gifted educator, Mr. Hébert has given lectures and clinics to thousands of elementary through college age students locally and nationally.

Joseph studied music at California State University East Bay, Stanford University and the University of California at Berkeley. He also studied graduate theology in Pastoral Ministry at Holy Names University in California.

Hébert's solo and improvisational cello talents are featured on hundreds of CD projects including Grammy winning Supernatural by Carlos Santana. His most recent cello CD's are entitled On Eagle's Wings and Sanctuary. *The reviewer Wind and Wire described Joseph Hébert as "one of the most versatile cellists around...he plays pizzicato on some tracks, making it sound like he is playing bass; then he soars with full-bowed classical treatment."*