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Gill Memorial Chapel Renovations

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About Gill Chapel

Gill Chapel has played an integral role in the life of Rider University since its inception. Originally built in 1965, today the facility meets the needs of students in a myriad of ways, serving as both a place of worship, prayer and spiritual counseling, as well as a performance and rehearsal space for Westminster College of the Arts students.

The University finished the extensive renovations to Gill Chapel in 2020. The project modernized the building and transformed it into a dual-purpose facility. The changes allow the Chapel to continue as a place of worship while also adding performance and rehearsal space for School of Fine and Performing Arts and Westminster Choir College students. A grant from the Martinson Family Foundation supported the installation of remote-controlled cameras to host both live-streamed and recorded performances, and to provide opportunities for students to share their work on the web and via social media. While the Gill Chapel renovations are complete, fundraising continues to offset costs.

Is making a gift right for you?

Donors who give toward Gill Chapel's renovation costs:

- » Help maintain one of the oldest campus buildings
- » Champion students' creative expression
- » Support religious observance



Naming Opportunities

- » Main Chapel Sanctuary (\$1M)
- » Organ (\$350K)
- » Elevator (\$300K)
- » Foyer (\$125K)
- » Basement Lobby (\$125K)
- » Landscaping/Grounds (\$100K)
- » Green Room (\$80K)
- » Campus Ministry Office (\$70K)
- » Interfaith Meeting Room (\$65K)
- » Large Practice Room (2) (\$45K each)
- » Small Practice Room (11) (\$30K each)
- » Interfaith Prayer Room (\$40K)

Main Chapel Sanctuary

The main floor offers an expansive performance and worship area that measures just under 5,000 sq. ft., along with a renovated entrance area. It can accommodate rehearsals and performances by the Westminster Choir, Concert Bell Choir, Jubilee Singers, Kantorei, Schola Cantorum, Symphonic Choir and Williamson Voices/Treble Ensemble, as well as musical theatre, theatre, and dance students. The Sanctuary allows for flexible seating and performances either facing the organ or facing the side. On the lower level are 13 practice rooms, spiritual and chaplain rooms and a green room.

Casavant Organ

The Casavant Organ, known to many at Westminster as the Scheide organ, was dismantled by organ specialists, cleaned, refurbished and relocated to Gill Chapel methodically, piece-by-piece in 2020. Its installation included a new movable console and additions of a 16-foot Principal and 16-foot Posaune to the Pedal. Both stops are full-length pipes and could not have been installed in Princeton due to the limited height of the studio.



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