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### *Organists and Organ Music for Weddings at Cornell*

The regular organists for Cornell weddings are the University Organists, Professors Annette Richards and David Yearsley, and while we are on sabbatical this academic year (July 2018-August 2019), Dr. William Cowdery. Outside organists are only permitted to play at Cornell by special arrangement. We also have a number of excellent local organists, especially Anna Stepler, Michael Plagerman, and Matthew Hall, whom we can recommend to you, should we not be available on your day.

**Between July 2018-July 2019, you should contact Dr. Cowdery ([wwc7@cornell.edu](mailto:wwc7@cornell.edu) or [wwc147@gmail.com](mailto:wwc147@gmail.com); 607-255-4011) for all wedding organist inquiries.**

All the organists who play here are very experienced, and will be happy to consult with you about the music for your wedding. Our streamed online links and music listing should help you make choices for your music, but you may also want to make other suggestions. We are flexible, and happy to hear your ideas, though it's important to bear in mind that some music works better than others on the Aeolian-Skinner organ in Sage Chapel and especially on the Baroque organ in Anabel Taylor chapel.

The organist fee for weddings at Cornell is \$350, with an additional fee of \$100 should you want the organist to attend the rehearsal. A check for the full amount should be sent directly to the organist at the Cornell music department (Department of Music, Lincoln Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853) in the week before the wedding. No deposit is necessary.

We wish you the best of luck with your wedding, and look forward to meeting you, and playing for you!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annette Richards".

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