

SAMUEL BACKMAN—SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Samuel Backman is a composer, conductor, and organist based in Minneapolis. He currently serves as Director of Sacred Music at Holy Cross Catholic Church, where is conductor and founder of the Holy Cross Choir, St. Helena Singers, and Tenebrae Choir. Backman's extensive experience as an organ recitalist includes performances at conferences hosted by the American Guild of Organists and the Church Music Association of America. He has also been featured in radio performances on the nationally-syndicated broadcast *Pipedreams*[®], hosted by Michael Barone. Backman's compositional output features works for organ, choir, piano, chamber ensembles, and voice. Recent compositions include a full-length organ symphony, *Symfonia Koled*, and seven-movement song cycle for organ and voice entitled *Through the Flames*. Samuel is presently finishing his Second Symphony for Organ. Throughout the year 2027, he will tour with the complete solo organ works of Maurice Duruflé in celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the composer's birth. Samuel's compositions and arrangements are available for purchase at www.samuelbackman.com.

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