

CBS to broadcast Christmas concert from South Dakota cathedral

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – A special Christmas concert will be broadcast from St. Joseph Cathedral in Sioux Falls at 11:35 p.m. EST Christmas Eve on CBS.

The Dec. 24 concert, “Christmas at the Cathedral – Beacon of Hope,” will include highlights from what has been a 13-year concert series held at the cathedral.

Romanesque and Renaissance in style, St. Joseph Cathedral was built over a two-year period, from 1917 to 1919. It was designed by renowned architect Emmanuel Louis Masqueray and is considered one of the most prominent structures in South Dakota.

Referred to as a “beacon of hope,” the cathedral sits high atop a natural ridge overlooking the city of Sioux Falls. The limestone structure and its two towers can be seen for miles.

For more than a decade, an interfaith audience has been welcomed to “Christmas at the Cathedral.”

Bishop Paul J. Swain of Sioux Falls will lead a prayer and Christmas blessing. Among those scheduled to perform this year are the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Henry Charles Smith; tenor Scott Piper and sopranos Emily Lodine and Stacey Stofferahn; concert pianist Paul Sanchez; triplet trumpeters Kristin, Mary and Sarah Stoneback, and the St. Joseph Cathedral Choir and Men’s Schola; and a multicultural children’s choir from the Sioux Falls Catholic schools.