

The Los Angeles Collaboration strives to inspire and educate audiences with distinctive programs of original arrangements and classical music. They seek to incorporate their faith in God and their classical training into the music they bring to churches, schools and concert halls. Their mission includes collaborating with other musicians and educating the next generation of musicians.

The Los Angeles Collaboration was formed by pianist Duane Funderburk and violinist Alex Russell in 2000. In addition to teaching masterclasses and lectures, they give approximately 50 performances annually, both in duo recitals and as soloists with orchestra. Their music spans a wide spectrum of styles, including classical, sacred, jazz, Broadway and other American music repertoire. Most distinctive of their performances is the presentation of original arrangements and orchestrations.

International appearances include performances with the Armenian Philharmonic Orchestra in Yerevan, Armenia, and with chamber orchestras in Canada, South Korea, Lithuania, Sweden, and Ukraine. Additionally, the duo has performed in China, Australia, Singapore, and England, and maintains regular concert appearances across the United States. In 2008 they were featured performers at the International Arts Movement Conference and at the Museum of Biblical Art, both in New York City. The Los Angeles Collaboration has recorded three previous albums: two with orchestra, and a live recording at St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church in London.

The Los Angeles Collaboration is Ensemble-in-Residence at Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, California and Lake Avenue Church in Pasadena, California. At Azusa Pacific University, Duane serves as the Dean of the School of Music, leading a program involving over 300 music majors in 5 fields of study, while Alex teaches violin, music theory, and directs the chamber music program. Both Duane and Alex are also involved extensively at Lake Avenue Church, providing leadership to the 35 member Chamber Symphony, which performs in worship services and special concerts throughout the year.

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