

Samuel Backman—Short Bio

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*. His compositions and arrangements are available for purchase at www.samuelbackman.com under his self-published label, *Suspirans Music*.

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