

The College of Cli

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The College of Cli surrounds a hill top in the northeast of Cli town. Its three main buildings are joined by a variety of well-tended gardens. The Hall of The Voice is the oldest and most imposing of the buildings, three storeys high and ringed with two rows of decorative busts. Cadeau House is the elegant two-storey stone and wood residence for staff, students and visiting Voice members. The Vroed Library is the third of the College buildings, with its dramatic flying buttresses and stained glass windows. The library appears to still be under construction, although there are no signs of activity about the partially constructed wing of the building.

The College of Cli is presided over by the Board of Kanzlers. The Kanzler of the college, who is normally also the HetKanzler of The Voice, heads this. The current incumbent is Hetkanzler Sofía Soraver. A variable number of Unterkanzlers also serve on the board. Currently there are five Unterkanzlers, but at times there have been up to 8. These are the holders of important posts within the college. There are currently 27 other staff and 45 students in the college, along with 25 visiting members of The Voice and other arms of the Old Kerk.

Settlement on the Isle of Cli, and the presence of bardic lore-keepers, has existed in some form since before the coming of the Aerdi empire. The college consists of three major buildings: the Hall of The Voice, Cadeau House and the Vroed Library. Interspersed between these are well-tended gardens, some open, some intimate.

The Hall of The Voice is the oldest of the College's current buildings, dating back to 392CY. It is a three storey stone building, decorated on the outside with busts of great Flan bards, including the former Hetkanzlers of the Voice. The Hall contains a large auditorium, finely tuned for oratory and quieter instruments such as harps, flute and lyres. The auditorium is decorated with purple drapes and carved wooden panels depicting scenes from famous Flan legends. Also in the Hall are smaller lecture rooms (generally catering for classes of at most 20) and the offices of the staff of the College.

Cadeau House is the major hall of residence for the College of Cli. It is an elegant two storey stone and wood building at least 70 years old. It provides living quarters and gathering areas for up to 120 staff and students at a time.

The Vroed Library is the newest of the buildings at the College, the first stages built only 15 years ago. They were funded by a bequest made by Êrikè Vroed, a very successful bardic adventurer, who later became a loremaster. In fact this building is still under construction, with one wing unfinished, construction halted as a result of the war with Iggwilv and her son. The library is two storeys high and made of stone mined from the Yatils. It has flying buttresses and stained glass windows. The Vroed Library houses some of The Voice's treasures, including ancient manuscripts, more recent learned works and of course the Lyre of Cli.