



2016-2017

CONCERT SERIES



CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GREETINGS FROM CENTRAL!



It is my distinct pleasure to invite you to join us for the 28th season of our Concert Series. You'll find that each one of these exciting events will offer you an experience where powerful music reflects the divine beauty of the Gospel. Through the dramatic passion of Windfire, the glorious music of Christmas, and the direct power of the human voice, this season of music will reach your soul.

These are also concerts for our community. In addition to being free, they present the opportunity to connect with others and foster fruitful relationships. I invite you to come, and I also invite your family, friends, and colleagues, that through our relationships, we might together answer the call to work towards a better future.

The Concert Series is only possible because of patron giving. Would you empower this mission through an offering of core financial support? All donations go directly to the operational costs of the series and are tax-deductible. Contributions can be sent at any time to:

Central Presbyterian Church c/o Concert Series.

Soli Deo Gloria,

A. Matthew Mazzoni

Director of Music Ministries

FRIDAY OCTOBER 28 WINDFIRE

Partners in life as well as in music, the dynamic duo of **John and Paula Kasica** have delighted audiences for decades in St. Louis and beyond. Paula is a heralded flutist since winning the 1978 Julius Baker prize in New York. Paula's husband John, percussionist with the St. Louis Symphony since 1971, holds the distinction of having more solo appearances with major American orchestras than any other percussionist in U.S. history. A brilliant virtuoso on dozens of instruments, he and Paula combine to create a truly unique sound that dazzles. Their Christian faith is evident in their duo signature name: Windfire. Harkening the presence and work of the Holy Spirit, their performance will fill your soul.



FRIDAY DECEMBER 16 CHRISTMAS AT CENTRAL

"My soul magnifies the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior."
The words of Mary have inspired countless composers for millennia. None have expressed those words in music better than Johann Sebastian Bach, and his setting of the Magnificat will set your spirit soaring. The Central Chancel Choir and Children's Choir will be joined by orchestra, brass, and bells for this evening of Christmas joy and celebration. Plus, all assembled will be able to join the music through the singing the great carols of Christmas. A Central tradition for generations, this evening should be circled on your calendar.

**SUNDAY
JANUARY 29**

A HERITAGE OF HYMNODY

The legacy of Christianity has been shared through the ages through the music of its people. In this season's installment of our annual "Music and Faith" concert, we examine the church's musical voice in hymnody and great songs of the faith. But what inspired the great hymn writers? How have some hymns become woven into the fabric of the Christian experience? Come and learn the dramatic stories behind our hymns. And come prepared to sing the music of our worship. Central's talented musical family—choirs of voices and instruments—will bring us an evening of music and faith response that grabs the heart and never lets go.

Note: This concert starts at 3PM.



**FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 24**

RUTH NAOMI FLOYD

A gifted singer-songwriter, **Ruth Naomi Floyd** has been at the forefront of creating vocal jazz settings that express Christian theology since 1993. Blessed with a soaring mezzo-soprano voice, Ms. Floyd has released several highly acclaimed recordings. Critics have praised her music for its distinctive sound of progressive ensemble jazz that seamlessly portrays strong Biblical messages of faith in God. The daughter of urban missionaries, Ruth's Philadelphia roots are essential to her music. She embraces her faith through original jazz that speaks of the Christian's response to contemporary issues. The concert will be the perfect springboard to a community service weekend at Central.

FRIDAY
MARCH 17

HOPE COLLEGE CHOIR



Founded in 1938, the renowned 40-voice **Hope College Chapel Choir** has toured extensively in the U.S. and abroad. Comprised of students from a wide-variety of academic disciplines, the choir is dedicated to the performances of the finest choral literature. Their long-standing *Christmas Vespers* has become an award-winning PBS television broadcast each December.

Directed by Dr. Brad Richmond, the choir recently traveled to South Africa, where they performed in major concert events and visited AIDS clinics and inner city missions. From timeless choral classics to contemporary pieces, Hope's premier musical ensemble will enrich and inspire with their eclectic sound and choral excellence.

A HERITAGE OF HYMNODY STARTS AT 3PM.
ALL OTHER CONCERTS START AT 7 PM.

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