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Welcome...

to the Ann Arbor First Music and Arts Series at First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor!

We are pleased to once again present a rich array of Music and Arts offerings for the 2014-2015 season. Continuing with our central goal – there is something to appeal to audiences of all ages, backgrounds and musical tastes: classic choral offerings, dazzling organ repertoire, chamber music, global music, Broadway show tunes, holiday favorites and contemporary, folk, gospel, and jazz music.

We look forward to seeing you in the months ahead!

Ann Marie Koukios
Minister of Music

Ted Brokaw
Music and Liturgical Arts Forum Chair



First Music and Arts Series

120 South State Street
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SEPTEMBER
27, 2014
SATURDAY

8:00pm

Organ Concert

Jörg Abbing (Germany)



We are pleased to welcome internationally-acclaimed organist Jörg Abbing, who is also a guest artist for the 2014 Fall UM Organ Conference. Dr. Abbing maintains a full schedule of concert, recording, and master-class engagements throughout Europe, the United States, and Australia. A specialist in the works of Duruflé, Dr. Abbing is cantor and organist at the Lutheran Church of St. Annual in Germany, Professor of Organ and Piano Improvisation at the Conservatory of Saarland in Saarbrücken, and lecturer at the Bishop's Institute for Church Music in Speyer. This concert will feature works by J. S. Bach, C. P. E. Bach, César Franck and Jean Langlais as well as an exciting organ improvisation finale. A freewill offering will be taken at the event and a reception will follow to meet our guest artist.

**OCTOBER
4, 2014**

SATURDAY

5:00 pm

Moroccan Bazaar and Reception

6:30 pm

Casablanca Banquet

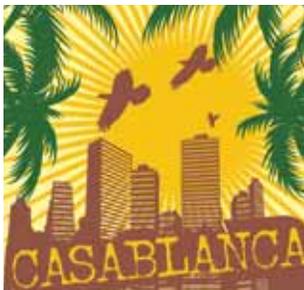
Featuring the keyboard magic of
Casablanca's David "Sam" Vaughn

8:00 pm

Showtime:

"From Swing to Sinatra"

Featuring music of the 40's & 50's



A Night in Casablanca: with music "From Swing to Sinatra"

Annual Music Fundraiser Cabaret Evening

Our Music and Liturgical Arts team presents our annual fundraiser, an evening of fine dining, fun, frivolity, and dynamite entertainment. Along with our Moroccan Bazaar, a sumptuous catered dinner will once again be provided by Chef Alex Young of Zingerman's Roadhouse. We hope you will join us for A Night in Casablanca with music "From Swing to Sinatra" featuring the popular music from the 40's and 50's including such classics as In the Mood, Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, I'll Be Seeing You, Some Enchanted Evening, God Bless the Child, Star Dust, It Had to be You, I Get a Kick Out of You, The White Cliffs of Dover, and more! Contact our Music Office at 734-662-4536, ext. 25, or check our website at www.fumc-a2.org for ticket prices, donor levels and additional information.

**NOVEMBER
7, 2014**

FRIDAY

7:30 pm



Exodus: The Epic Story of God's Deliverance

Brad Sherrill

Don't miss this exciting presentation by Actor Brad Sherrill of the Exodus story in a live performance with new videography from Egypt and Israel. Sherrill, a 24-year member of the Georgia Shakespeare theater company in Atlanta, now devotes eight months of the year to the ongoing U.S. tour of his faith-based theater work. *Exodus*, which includes an original 2013 visual presentation from Egypt, Sinai, Jordan and Israel created by his collaborator and multimedia designer Mark Hickman. Exodus is Sherrill's fourth live theatrical offering based on biblical texts. According to renowned Old Testament Theologian and author Walter Bueggemann, "The overriding question is whether the word of God can work as drama. Sherrill proves that it most certainly and successfully can." A freewill offering will be taken at the presentation and a reception to meet the artist will follow this compelling journey through the Exodus story. Suggested donation is \$15. If you are able, come early and join us for a light meal in the Social Hall at 6 pm and a talk about the history, salvation and faith journey in the book of *Exodus* by Deborah Houghton from 6:30-7:15 pm. Please call for reservations for the dinner.



**DECEMBER
5, 2014**

FRIDAY

7:30 pm

An Organist's Christmas

Co-sponsored by the Ann Arbor Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) and the First Music and Arts Series, this concert promises to ignite your Advent/Christmas holiday spirit with festive music of the season. Don't miss these special musical offerings presented by three distinguished local AGO artists performing on the Reuter Pipe

Organ of First United Methodist Church.

Featured performers include James Kibbie (UM Organ Department Chair), Kola Owolabi (UM Organ Faculty) and Michael Burkhardt (EMU Organ Faculty). A freewill offering will be taken and a reception will follow the concert to meet our guest artists.



Kola Owolabi, organ



James Kibbie, organ



Michael Burkhardt, organ

**DECEMBER
14, 2014**

SUNDAY

9:30 am Worship Service

An Advent Music Sunday: Saint-Saëns – Christmas Oratorio, Op. 12

*FUMC Vocal Staff, FUMC Chancel Choir, Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra
Ann Marie Koukios, conductor*



Join us in worship as our Chancel Choir, soloists, organ, and guest instrumentalists unite in a special ministry offering featuring this beautiful setting of the Christmas story – *Oratorio de Noël, Op. 12* by French composer Camille Saint-Saëns. The work is based on scripture passages from Isaiah, the Psalms and the Gospels of Matthew, John, and Luke. Written as a young composer at the age of 23, the work is noted for its charming lyricism, florid duet writing, and chant-like recitative passages while also revealing stylistic influences of J. S. Bach and prevailing French musical idioms of the period. Don't miss this inspiring Sunday morning worship offering.

**JANUARY
11, 2015**

SATURDAY

3:00 pm FUMC Downtown Sanctuary

4:00 pm Reception in Wesley Lounge

Paradigm Shift

*University of Michigan Music Students
Jacobsen Woollen, conductor*



Co-sponsored by the Wesley Foundation at the University of Michigan and the Music and Liturgical Arts Ministries of FUMC, we are pleased to once again welcome Paradigm Shift, the exciting new, local UM student ensemble. Inspired by summer experiences at the Music Academy of the West and the Aspen Music Festival and School, student cellist and conductor Jacobsen Woollen, created a totally unique, extra-curricular orchestra. The group, Paradigm Shift, composed largely of University of Michigan graduate music students, offered its first concert in February 2013 at the U-M School of Music. Repertoire includes Bartok's spirited *Romanian Folk Dances*, Mozart's classic *Sinfonia Concertante* and Grieg's popular *Holberg Suite*. A reception will follow this event.

**FEBRUARY
7-8 • 2015**

WEEKEND

Saturday

5:00 -7:00 pm

**International Boutique
“Ten Thousand Villages”**

6:00 pm

New Orleans Style Dinner

\$15/adults, \$8/students, \$40/family,
children under 5 yrs/free.

7:30 pm

Sacred Jazz Music Concert

Sunday

9:30 & 11:15 am

**Downtown Jazz
Worship Services**

**FEBRUARY
15, 2015**

SUNDAY

3:00 pm

**FUMC Chancel Choir, Global
Instrumental Ensembles**



A Jazz Ministry Celebration

Bradley Sowash, “Jazz Artist-in-Residence”



Join us for an invigorating weekend of jazz-inspired sacred offerings with specialist Bradley Sowash. Composer, creative pianist, multi-instrumentalist, recording artist, author, and educator specializing in jazz improvisation, Sowash has performed in every imaginable setting from living rooms,

churches and jazz clubs to major concert venues both here and abroad for over thirty years. “His particular specialization in Jazz Worship typically creates a long remembered spirit filled service. Winner of numerous awards and honors with nine critically acclaimed CD recordings, Sowash with both entertain and inspire you both in concert & worship. Joining our guest artist over the weekend are the FUMC First Instrumental Ensemble, Chancel Choir, Vocal Staff and Epworth Choir.

Downtown Duo Chamber Concert

Chad Burrow, clarinet & Amy I-Lin Cheng, piano

University of Michigan Faculty Chad Burrow and Amy Cheng join forces for a perfect afternoon chamber concert in our Downtown FUMC Sanctuary. Recognized as one of the premiere clarinetists of his generation, Burrow has appeared as soloist and chamber musician in concert halls across the globe. According to the European press, “Burrow performs with brilliant technique and tonal beauty mixed with an expressive ferocity.” Pianist Amy I-Lin Cheng has been described by the New York Concert Review as a pianist whose “control of the keyboard is complete, technique easy and relaxed, with a wide range of touch.” Pianist Claude Frank describes her as “a brilliant, sensitive, imaginative and most beguiling pianist.” Don’t miss this exquisite musical offering. A free will offering will be taken and a reception will follow the event.

**FEBRUARY
22, 2015**

SUNDAY

5:30 pm FUMC Downtown Sanctuary
6:00 pm Reception in Wesley Lounge



UM Men's Glee Club ACDA Farewell Concert

Eugene Rogers, conductor

Selected to appear at the 2015 National American Choral Directors Association Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah three days later, under the baton of conductor Eugene Rogers, the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club will preview its upcoming performance in this special ACDA Farewell Concert before leaving Ann Arbor. This event is co-sponsored by the Wesley Foundation at the University of Michigan and the Music and Liturgical Arts Ministries of FUMC. Founded in 1859, the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club is one of the oldest collegiate choirs in the United States and the oldest continually-run student organization on the Michigan campus. Long acclaimed as one of the finest male choruses in the world, the Glee Club has achieved this stature by sustaining and respecting the traditions which have been established during its 154 year history. The Glee Club has become renowned for its wide repertoire of music that incorporates selections from different musical styles and periods. Come hear an exciting 30-minute musical presentation and help bid bon voyage to the members of this fine ensemble at the reception following their performance.

**MARCH 22
2015**

SUNDAY

3:00 pm

Washtenaw Community Concert Band

Chris Heidenreich, conductor

Enjoy the thrilling sounds of the 80-piece Washtenaw Community Concert Band! Back by popular demand, the Washtenaw Band appears for its fourth performance on our series, this time, not outside, but within the grandeur of our downtown FUMC Sanctuary. Under the direction of Chris Heidenreich, this distinguished ensemble will entertain you with a variety of classic concert favorites for large band. For this concert, the Washtenaw Community Concert Band will present "For the Love of Spring", featuring music from their Season of Holidays Concert Series. The first half of the program brings themes of love, featuring the tragic love of *Miss Saigon*, Offenbach's infectious *Orpheus in the Underworld*, and Puccini's beautiful *Nessum Dorma*. The second half of the program brings the music of themes of spring with the music of James Swearingen, John Philip Sousa, and John Williams. The second half will be highlighted by a tribute to all who have served our country in military service with music from *Saving Private Ryan*. A free will offering will be taken. Suggested donation is \$15. A reception downstairs in our fellowship hall will follow this event.



**APRIL/MAY
2015**

Day & Time TBA



LYRA - Choral Ensemble from St. Petersburg, Russia

We are particularly delighted and honored to present this touring internationally-acclaimed vocal ensemble - LYRA. Trained at the St. Petersburg Music Conservatory in Russia, this outstanding ensemble has consistently received highest praise and enthusiastic response for their professional, inspiring performances throughout the world. The first half of the concert comprises sacred music of the Russian Orthodox Church by great masters such as Bortnianski, Tchaikovski, Tchesnokov, Rachmaninov and Grethcaninov. The second half of the concert will feature Russian folk songs in all their variety: comic, lyric, dancing, and love-themed songs. Throughout, the group will share information about Russian musical traditions. Don't miss this culturally enriching musical experience! A free will offering will be taken with a minimum suggested donation of \$15. A reception will follow the event.

**MAY 17,
2015**

SUNDAY

9:30 am & 11:15 am



G. F. Haydn – Lord Nelson Mass in D minor

Ann Marie Koukios, conductor

According to one of the most respected Haydn scholars today, H. C. Robbins Landon, the Lord Nelson Mass in D minor is “arguably Haydn’s greatest single composition”. Written over a six-week period during the summer of 1798, this beloved major choral work is one of six “Festival” Mass settings, each written annually in honor of the name day of the Princess Esterházy, the wife of Haydn’s patron Prince Nicolaus Esterházy. Written for soli, chorus and orchestra, the work embraces a synthesis of mature musical style typifying Haydn’s writing later in life. The whole incorporates unique and symbolic instrumentation, Baroque-style counterpoint, Gregorian chant, expressive vocal soli, and modern virtuosic string writing. Don't miss this exciting worship offering presented by the FUMC Chancel Choir, FUMC Vocal Staff and the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra.

JUNE 5, 2015

FRIDAY

7:30 pm



Sounding Light! - “The World Made New”

Mark Stone Trio, percussion and violin

Tom Trenny, conductor

We are pleased to welcome back Sounding Light to our series. Sounding Light is a collection of 28 singers who share a love of and commitment to choral ensemble singing. Now in its 12th season under the direction of founding conductor Tom Trenney, the group will present another illuminating performance. From words by Dolly Parton and Eleanor Roosevelt to music by Johann Sebastian Bach and Sweet Honey and the Rock, sounding light sings a bold, colorful collage in its most eclectic program to date. Featuring the incomparable Mark Stone Trio (percussion and violin), this season finale will deliver an irrepressible spirit of hope, promise, and possibility. Kick off your summer by opening your ears to *Sounding Light's* compelling vision of the world made new! Suggested donation is \$15. A reception will follow the event.

GREEN WOOD CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

1001 GREEN ROAD, ANN ARBOR

We are pleased to once again present a diverse array of chamber music concerts at our second worship location, nestled in the ambient serene wooded area of our Green Wood Sanctuary.

All concerts are at 3:00 p.m.

Admission to each concert is free with a goodwill offering provided to support these local musicians. A reception will follow each of these performances.

Modern Harp Quartet

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2014 • 3:00 PM



We are delighted to welcome the Modern Harp Quintet to open our Green Wood Series this fall. Comprised of seasoned alumni from the harp studios of Cass Tech, Wayne State University and the University of Michigan, the Modern Harp Quintet seeks to promote the modern harp as a versatile instrument, capable of producing a vast array of tone colors and effects. Members of the quartet are Lydia Cleaver, John Wickey, Maurice Draughn, and Anne Owens. This exciting opening concert will feature repertoire by Adams, Ravel, Prokofiev, Carter and more. Soprano Alice Tillman will join the quartet in performance of pieces arranged for voice and harp quartet.

Ypsilanti "Town Band"

Jerry Robbins, conductor

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2014 • 3:00 PM

Under the leadership of conductor Jerry Robbins (former conductor of the Washtenaw Community Concert Band), this twenty-piece wind ensemble will perform popular music from 1880-1920 in period costume, using period-appropriate instruments. Returning once again to our Chamber Series, this ensemble will entertain you with a variety of styles, genres and informative insights into this era.



Jessica Dold, soprano - in CONCERT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2015 • 3:00 PM



We are delighted to present lyric soprano Jessica Dold in a solo vocal recital. A native of Kansas City, Jessica Dold has already distinguished herself as an “extraordinary vocal talent of commanding grace and soulful depth”. She has appeared in numerous operatic roles including those in Verdi’s Falstaff, Puccini’s “La Boheme”, Mozart’s “La clemenze di Tito”, Verdi’s “Tosca”, “La Traviata”, and Wagner’s “Der Meistersinger”, as well as appeared as soprano soloist in oratorio repertoire, most recently in Mozart’s “Requiem” and Brahms’ “Ein Deutsches Requiem” with the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra and Choir. Jessica currently also serves as a member of the FUMC Vocal Staff.

Euterpe Woodwind Quintet *Ernie Brandon, director*

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2015 • 3:00 PM

Enjoy the colorful palette of woodwind instruments with this performance by the Euterpe Woodwind Quintet. Members include: Beth Wondolowski (flute), Pat McLain (oboe), Ernest



Brandon (clarinet), Ashley Burtnew (horn), and Kathy Fredette (bassoon). Under the leadership of founder Ernie Brandon, this ensemble has already dazzled audiences with their sensitive interpretation of classic and new woodwind quintet literature. We are pleased to welcome them back to our Green Wood Series!

Isaac Droscha & Natalia Tokar in CONCERT

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2015 • 3:00 PM

We are delighted to present two dynamic musicians on our final Green Wood Concert - baritone Isaac Droscha and pianist Natalia Tokar. Currently a Visiting Scholar on faculty at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology in the Humanities division as a specialist in opera and vocal performance, Isaac Droscha has performed numerous roles throughout the United States. These include the Des Moines Metro Opera, Opera New Jersey, and Arbor Opera Theater, Michigan Opera Theater, Motor City Lyric Opera on Wheels, and Musica Viva in Hong Kong. Recipient of numerous awards and honors, Droscha continues to perform to critical acclaim in repertoire ranging from dramatic to comic. A native of Russia, Natalia Tokar made her debut with the Kaliningrad Philharmonic at the age of 17 performing the Concerto in E minor by Chopin. During her years in Russia she performed as a soloist with the Kaliningrad Philharmonic, Saint-Petersburg Conservatory Orchestra and Saint-Petersburg House of Scientists Symphony. This afternoon, they will join forces in a concert which will feature Russian and American Music, including solo works for piano, songs, and arias by composers including Samuel Barber, Lerner and Loewe, George Gershwin, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Modest Mussorgsky, Pyotr Tchaikovsky, and more.





Join us!

Find Your Special Worship Opportunities at FUMC

We invite you to join us in worship at First United Methodist Church throughout the year. Please check our website for information

on special seasonal and varied worship arts opportunities, examples of which may include Global Worship Sundays, Celtic worship services, Jazz Services, Guest Worship Musicians, Instrumental Ensemble Sundays, and more. See below for a list of some of these offerings. Our regular worship services include Saturday, 5 p.m. contemporary worship at our Green Wood location, as well as Sunday 9:30 a.m. traditional and 11:15 eclectic worship services at our Downtown location. ***All are welcome!***



Sundays:	Featured event	9:30 am	11:15 am
Oct. 5	World Communion Sunday – featuring Global Music		
Nov. 2	Includes Music of Morten Lauridsen		
Nov. 16	Children's Sabbath Sunday		
Dec. 14	Advent Music Sunday		
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Worship Services (see website for details)		
Feb. 8	Jazz Worship with Bradley Sowash		
May 17	G. F. Haydn: Lord Nelson Mass in D minor		
June 7	Music Instrumental Sunday		

Celebrating Our Children

On Sunday, December 14, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. our Children's Music Ministries will present the Christmas musical **On Our Way to Bethlehem** by Roger Emerson & John Jacobson, directed by Carole DeHart (Director of FUMC Children's Choirs). On Sunday, May 3, 2015, at 2:00 p.m., our Children's Ensembles will also present a spring musical. Be sure to mark you calendars for these special offerings by our youngest musicians and future Christian Arts leaders. For more information regarding Children's Music at FUMC, contact Carole DeHart at carole@fumc-a2.



For more information about our Music and Arts Ministries, contact our Minister of Music, Dr. Ann Marie Koukios at annmarie@fumc-a2.org.

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