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**Music and Liturgical Arts Ministries of
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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 2012-2013 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, concerto repertoire, global music, Broadway show tunes, holiday favorites and contemporary, folk, gospel, rock and jazz music.

We look forward to seeing you in the months ahead!

Ann Marie Koukios

Minister of Music

Ted Brokaw and Pam Craig

Music and Liturgical Arts Forum Co-Chairs

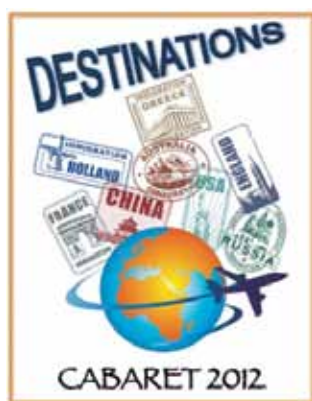
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120 South State Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

**OCTOBER 6
2012**

SATURDAY

5:00 pm
Reception and Silent Auction
6:30 pm
Catered Dinner
8:00 pm
Destinations Showtime



FUMC Annual Cabaret Fundraiser – “Destinations”



Grab your passport – It's Party Time! With Zingerman's Master Chef Alex Young and FUMC's Globe-trotting musicians, it is once again time for an evening of fine dining, fun and frivolity, and dynamite entertainment in Cabaret 2012 – Destinations. This evening represents the major source of supplemental funding to our music and arts programs and projects. Our Chancel Choir, Vocal Staff, Bell Choirs, Youth Ensembles and Children's Ministries will present a musical travelogue of favorite destinations. Fly with us to Paris, Rome, New York, Chicago, the moon and other exciting musical locales! 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.



Do mark your calendars and “Let Us Entertain You!”

**NOVEMBER 5
2012**

MONDAY

7:30 pm

DSO Chamber Music Concert “An Evening of Low Brass Music featuring Principal Musicians of the DSO”



Ken Thompkins,
trombone



Dennis Nulty,
tuba



Zhihua Tang,
piano

We are delighted to present this first of several concerts on our series featuring Chamber Musicians from the highly-acclaimed Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Accompanied by pianist Zhihua Tang, DSO principal bass players Ken Thompkins (trombone) and Dennis Nulty (tuba) will combine their artistry in a wonderful evening of unique

music for low brass ranging from the Classic period to the modern era. Individual tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 18 and students. Tickets can be purchased by calling 313-576-5111 or online at dso.org. A reception will follow to meet our guest artists.

**NOVEMBER
13 • 2012**

TUESDAY

7:30 p.m.

Organ Concert Jörg Abbing (Germany)



We are pleased to welcome internationally-acclaimed organist Jörg Abbing to our series this fall. 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 Durufé, Dr. Abbing is cantor and organist at the Lutheran Church of St. Arnual 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. The concert will feature works by Franck, Mendelssohn, Gigout and Messian 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.

**DECEMBER 7
2012**

FRIDAY

7:30 pm

An Organist's Christmas



David Hufford



Marcia van Oyen



Thomas Strode

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 local AGO artists performing on the Reuter Pipe Organ of First United Methodist Church. Featured performers include Thomas Strode, Marcia van Oyen and David Hufford. We are also pleased to welcome choristers from the Ann Arbor Boychoir, who will lead our audience carol sing, adorning our singing with beautiful descants. A freewill offering will be taken and a reception will follow the concert to meet our guest artists.



**DECEMBER 16
2012
SUNDAY**

7:00 pm



A Christmas Celebration

Ann Marie Koukios, conductor

The First United Chancel Choir, Bell Choirs, Children's Choirs, Youth Ensemble, FUMC vocal staff, and orchestra unite in a festive family Christmas Concert featuring a potpourri of seasonal Christmas repertoire with favorite solo selections, carol arrangements, and a special audience carol-sing. Highlights include music from Shaw's "Many Moods of Christmas", Vaughn Williams' "Hodie", Bach's "B Minor Mass", and FUMC youth Griffin Roy (clarinet) performing an excerpt from Mozart's "Clarinet Concerto" with orchestra. Admission is free with a free will offering to benefit the Music and Liturgical Arts Ministries. A family reception for all will continue the celebration in our Fellowship Hall. Suggested donation: adult/\$15, students/\$8, children 12 and under are welcome.

**JANUARY 25
2013
FRIDAY**

7:30 pm



Tom Trenney

Sounding Light!

Tom Trenney, conductor

Known for its inspiring and illuminating performances, Sounding Light is a collection of 32 singers comprising experienced professionals and devoted amateurs who share a love of and commitment to choral ensemble singing. Now in its 10th season under the direction of founding conductor Tom Trenney, Sounding Light has sung with guest conductors Anton Armstrong, David Davidson, Joseph Flummerfelt, Alice Parker, and William Weinert. The choir offers a spiritual and holistic approach to singing as a community while offering its listeners a compelling and engaging experience. The performance, entitled

"transformed... and transforming", features repertoire by Vierne, Puccini, Langlais, Barber, Moses Hogan and others. Don't miss this exciting and spiritually transforming performance. A freewill offering will be taken and a reception will follow the event.



**JANUARY 28
2013
MONDAY**

7:30 pm



DSO – Beethoven Chamber Music Concert

Join us for a "FREE Beethoven Festival Preview" – In February 2012 the Detroit Symphony Orchestra will present a Beethoven Festival showcasing the complete nine symphonies of Beethoven performed in historic Orchestra Hall. Come and learn more about this special event and hear Detroit Symphony Orchestra musicians featured in chamber music works of Beethoven. Mark your calendars! - Space is limited and free tickets to this Preview may be reserved online starting Wednesday, January 2: www.dso.org."

**FEBRUARY
9-10 • 2013**

WEEKEND

U of M University Choir, FUMC
Choirs, Zion Lutheran Choir



Dr. Eugene Rogers

Saturday

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

International SERVV Boutique

6:00 p.m.

International Dinner

(Alex Young, Zingerman's)

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

7:30 p.m.

Global Music Concert

Choirs and Global/Jazz
Instrumental Ensemble

Sunday

9:30 & 11:15 a.m.

**Downtown Global
Worship Services**

SINGING AS A COMMUNITY

African & African-American Choral Music
Eugene Rogers, conductor



Associate Director of Choirs at the University of Michigan, Dr. Eugene Rogers currently teaches conducting and conducts the Men's Glee Club and University Choir. A specialist in Global Music and the music of Africa, Professor Rogers has appeared as guest conductor, adjudicator and lecturer throughout the world. We are pleased to have him "in residence" leading us on a historical journey exploring the music of Africa and the African Diaspora through East African folk songs, spirituals, anthems, jazz and gospel selections.



**MARCH 19
2013**

TUESDAY

7:30 pm

University of Michigan Faculty Brass Quintet

The University of Michigan Brass Quintet, featuring the UM School of Music, Theatre and Dance renown brass faculty, comes to FUMC for an exciting evening of music. They will perform group selections from the Renaissance to the modern era, highlighting each member of the brass faculty in a solo setting along the way.

Members include: William Campbell, trumpet; Katherine Cosgrove, trumpet; Adam Unsworth, horn; David Jackson, trombone; and Fritz Kaezigi, tuba. Be sure to mark your calendar for this exquisite evening of brass offerings! A free will collection will be taken at the concert and a reception will follow the event.



**MARCH 24
2013**

PALM SUNDAY

9:30 am and 11:15 Worship Services

Lenten Worship Offering: Requiem in D Minor, Op. 48 – Gabriel Fauré

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

Join our Palm Sunday Worship Services, beginning with special Palm Sunday music with our Children and Youth. As we move from “Palms to Passion”, our FUMC Soloists and Chancel Choir will be joined by the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra members in a special music offering of Faure’s renown Requiem in D Minor. Composed between 1887 and 1890, this 35 minute work is set in

seven movements. Conceived by the composer as a work reflecting “joyous deliverance” from death, this popular setting is cast in a style that is at once eloquent, intimate and assuring. The entire “Requiem” will be presented at both Palm Sunday Worship Services.



**APRIL 5
2013
FRIDAY**

7:30 pm

University of Michigan Women’s Glee Club – *Julie Skadsdem, conductor*

We are pleased to welcome the University of Michigan Women’s Glee Club under the direction of Dr. Julie Skadsdem, Associate Professor of Choral Music Education and Conducting at the University of Michigan. Comprised of undergraduate and graduate women from all degree programs, the choir enjoys an active performance schedule of University concerts, football tailgate sings, social events and both regional and international tours, most recently including a featured appearance at the International Haydn Festival in 2009 and tour of South Africa in 2012. Singing classic and innovative repertoire for treble voices, this ensemble will dazzle you with their vocal beauty and precision. A freewill offering will be taken at the concert and a reception will follow.



Dr. Julie Skadsdem



**MAY 5
2013**

SUNDAY

7:00 pm



Stephen West

The Creation – Franz Joseph Haydn

Stephen West (bass-baritone), Jessica Dold and Mary Martin, sopranos, Cynthia Brundage, alto, Jonas Hacker, tenor, Isaac Droscher, bass, FUMC Chancel Choir & Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra and Ann Marie Koukios, conductor

University of Michigan Professor of Voice Stephen West, First United Vocal Staff, FUMC Chancel Choir and the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra will join forces under the direction of Dr. Ann Marie Koukios in a performance of Haydn's delightful oratorio and choral masterpiece The Creation. Celebrate the scripture of God's creation as ingeniously depicted through the music of Haydn in this final choral offering of our series. Suggested donation: adult/\$15, students/\$8, children 12 and under are welcome. A reception will follow the performance.



**MAY 19
2013
SUNDAY**

3:00 pm, North Lawn of FUMC

Washtenaw Community Concert Band – Chris Heidenreich, conductor

Relax on the lawn and enjoy the thrilling sounds of the 70-piece Washtenaw Community Concert Band! We are pleased to welcome this popular and distinguished ensemble back to our series. Under the direction of Chris Heidenreich, this brilliant ensemble will entertain you with a variety of classic concert favorites for large band. After the performance, enjoy a glass of lemonade and dessert, and meet the musicians. A free will offering will be taken at the intermission. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and strike up the band!



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.

The Bonfire Poets

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
2012 • 3:00 PM**

“Ann Arbor’s Eclectic Rock Band”, The Bonfire Poets are known for their re-interpretation of familiar favorites and lesser known gems through their intimate and upbeat performances. They have played venues and events such as Top of the Park, The Ark, Ann Arbor Art Fair, and a host of others. Always thoughtful, sometimes witty, but never vulgar, The Poets speak to audiences in a variety of settings, including coffee houses, community festivals, and church and family events. In Bonfire Poets spirit – “Let us share the muse”.



Aurea Silva Wind Trio

*Brandy Hudelson, flute - Gareth Thomas,
bassoon - David Gilliland, piano*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2012 •
3:00 PM**

We are pleased to welcome the Aurea Silva Wind Trio to our Green Wood Series this season. An innovative chamber ensemble consisting of flute, bassoon and piano, Aurea performances convey a widely contrasting palette, unlike those of traditionally-defined chamber ensembles. With a fluid combination of lyricism and virtuosity, Area Silva Wind Trio brings consummate master to this distinctive instrumentation. Performance will include repertoire highly varied in style, including works by Boismortier, Sparr, Beethoven, Chick Corea and Robert Streng.

Ypsilanti “Town Band” Concert

Jerry Robbins, conductor

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2012 • 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. Returning once again to our Chamber Series, this ensemble will entertain you with a variety of styles, genres and informative insights into this era.



Euterpe Woodwind Quintet

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13
2013 • 3:00 PM**

Enjoy the colorful palette of woodwind instruments with this performance by the Euterpe Woodwind Quintet. 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!



Katie Geddes & David Vaughn – In Concert



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24
2013 • 3:00 PM**

Appearing for the first time on our Green Wood Chamber Series, popular local folk singer Katie Geddes and gospel singer/keyboardist David Vaughn will perform “in Concert”. Two consummate artists,

both Katie and David are known for their inspiring musical performances - through Katie Geddes’ “musical story telling” and compelling vocal sound and David Vaughn’s spirit-filled gospel praise. Don’t miss this uplifting musical offering!

A Taste of Ireland

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10
2013 • 3:00 PM**

Experience the music of Ireland with this group of superb Irish musicians under the leadership of David Bowen, current president of the Michigan Irish Musicians Association. Returning once again to our Green Wood Chamber Series, this ensemble

will again put you into “Celtic Bliss” in short order!



Vocal Recital – Jessica Dold (soprano)

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 2013 • 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 clemenza 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.













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. 7	World Communion Sunday – featuring Global Music		
Oct. 21	Children's Sabbath Sunday		
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Worship Services (see www.fumc-a2.org for details)		
Feb. 10	Global Worship with Eugene Rogers		
Mar. 24	Palm Sunday: Faure Requiem		





Celebrating Our Children

On Sunday, December 9, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. our Children's Music Ministries will present the Christmas musical **The Christmas Chonicles** by John Jacobson & Roger Emerson directed by Carole DeHart (Director of FUMC Children's Choirs).



On Sunday, May 12, 2013, at 3:00 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.

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