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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 2018-2019 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



Ann Arbor First Music and Arts Downtown Series

120 South State Street
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**SEPTEMBER
30, 2018
SUNDAY**
3:00 pm

Wayne State University Chamber Orchestra
Alexander Mishnaevski, viola
Kypros Markou, conductor



Kypros Markou



Alexander Mishnaevski

We are pleased to begin our 2018-2019 Music Series with the Wayne State University Chamber Orchestra under the baton of Kypros Markou performing early Baroque and Classical Masterworks including William Boyce's majestic setting of *Symphony No. 4*, Carl Stamitz's elegant *Sinfonia Concertante for violin, viola and orchestra* and Franz Joseph Haydn's delightfully festive, energetic and musically innovative "Paris" *Symphony No. 87 in A major*. Distinguished soli joining the WSU ensemble are former principal Detroit Symphony violist Alexander Mishnaevski as well as Kypros Markou, professor and conductor of the orchestra here serving in dual role as conductor and soloist.

The Wayne State University Chamber Orchestra comprises 30 accomplished students also a part of the large WSU University Symphony Orchestra. We are delighted to present this marvelous ensemble from the city of Detroit here in Ann Arbor!



**OCTOBER
7, 2018
SUNDAY**

5:00 – 6:00 pm
**Italian Family Dinner
Donation Opportunities**

Dinner price: \$15/adults,
\$8/students, \$40/entire family,
Children under 5 yrs./free.

6:00 – 7:30 pm
Concert: “A Disney Extravaganza”

A Disney Extravaganza

Annual Fall Music Fundraiser Concert

FUMC Vocal Staff, Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells,
& Children’s Choirs

Brian Buckner, Pianist, Arranger and Theatrical Coach

“A dream is a wish your heart makes.” Welcome to an evening entering the world of Disney through the years! Our Music and Liturgical Arts team presents the first of two music ministry fundraisers during the 2018-2019 church season. This first event is a memorable evening of entertainment, celebration and praise through the music of our various music ministries – our Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, Vocal Staff, and Children’s Choirs. The evening begins with a wonderful Italian family dinner followed by a spectacular Disney Review comprising over 30 familiar melodies from over 20 popular Disney shows including *Cinderella*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *Pinocchio*, *Mary Poppins*, *Toy Story*, *Little Mermaid*, *Aladdin*, *Lion King*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *101 Dalmations*, *Frozen*, *Coco*, and, of course, “*The Mickey Mouse Club*”. We offer this amazing program to thank all who support and donate to our ministry in helping us meet our financial goals. Tap your feet, sing along, and whistle a happy tune – you won’t be able to sit quietly without being engaged on this journey through time!



**OCTOBER
21, 2018
SUNDAY**

3:00 pm

Ann Arbor Camerata Orchestra I

Opening Gala

“Camerata Strings Extravaganza”



Charlotte Politi



Daniel Brotzman



Régulo Stabilito

We welcome back the amazing Ann Arbor Camerata Orchestra, a chamber orchestra dedicated to bringing music to all audiences. Performing old works and new, collaborating with artists at the University of Michigan, and advocating for Arts Education, the Camerata works to inspire culture and unity throughout Washtenaw County. This year, the Ann Arbor Camerata opens its season with a program reflecting a wide spectrum of treatments of the string orchestra in presenting its new conductors: Charlotte Politi, Daniel Brotzman and Régulo Stabilito. Works by Vivaldi, Elgar, Debussy, and others will frame this highly evocative concert.



**NOVEMBER
30, 2018
FRIDAY**

7:00 pm



“Uprooted”

Red Shoe Company Chamber Ensemble
Teagan Faran, director

The Red Shoe Company is an all-arts collective dedicated to community happiness. One of Ann Arbor’s defining community features is our nature. According to Red Shoe members, “In this increasingly developing world, we must keep an eye towards the culture that preserves the green spaces in our town”. This evening’s performance is full of works inspired by the flora and fauna which surround us. The musical centerpiece of this concert is a work by composer-performer, songwriter, and visual artist

Tanner Porter from California. Porter’s love for cross-mingling of art forms often incorporates a wealth of her creative expressions in poetry, animations, artwork, and story-telling interwoven within her musical compositions. Porter’s Quartet “Six Sides from the Shape of Us” is here

presented with staging by the composer. Also included on this concert are two environmentally inspired works - Arvo Pärt’s stunning “Summa” as well as several songs by Detroit composer Rebecca Rosen performed by an ensemble of young Detroit musicians.

**DECEMBER
8, 2018
SATURDAY**

7:00 pm



Lenora Green



Ann Marie Koukios

A Christmas Celebration

FUMC Chancel Choir, Vocal Staff, and Chancel Bells
FUMC Children’s Choirs, Julie Skadsem
Michigan Sinfonietta Instrumentalists
Naki Sung Krippfgans, organ
Ann Marie Koukios, conductor

Back by popular demand, the First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, Children’s Choirs, featured Youth, Vocal Staff, and Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra unite in a joyful family Christmas Concert featuring a potpourri of seasonal Christmas repertoire with favorite solo selections, carol arrangements, and audience carol singing. Highlights include music from Robert Shaw’s *Many Moods of Christmas* and G. F. Handel’s *Messiah*, as well as popular settings of Irving Berlin’s *White Christmas*, James Pierpont’s *Jingle Bells*, Mel Torme’s *Christmas Song*, and more! Centerpiece of this celebration is Francis Poulenc’s vibrant and spirited setting of the festive *Gloria* featuring soprano soloist Lenora Green. Admission is free with a free will offering. A reception will continue the celebration in our Fellowship Hall. Suggested donation: adult/\$15, students/\$8, free admission for children 12 and under. Don’t miss this opportunity to “Celebrate the Season”!



**JANUARY
20, 2019
SUNDAY**

3:00 pm



University of Michigan Faculty Brass Quintet

The University of Michigan Brass Quintet, featuring the UM School of Music, Theatre and Dance renowned Brass Faculty, comes to FUMC for an exciting afternoon 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; Amanda Ross, trumpet; Adam Unsworth, horn; David Jackson, trombone; and Fritz Kaenzig, tuba. Be sure to mark your calendar for this exquisite afternoon of brass offerings! A free will collection will be taken at the concert and a reception will follow the event.

**JANUARY
27, 2019
SUNDAY**

3:00 pm



Robert Schumann



Régulo Stabilito

Ann Arbor Camerata Orchestra II “A Romantic Homage” *Régulo Stabilito, conductor*

In a second appearance on this year's Ann Arbor Music & Arts Downtown Series, the Ann Arbor Camerata Orchestra presents another inspiring concert with stunning repertoire for Chamber Orchestra. Under the baton of conductor Régulo Stabilito, this concert will feature a performance of Robert Schumann's powerfully expressive *Symphony No.2, Op. 61 in C major*. Written during a tumultuous period in the composer's life, *Symphony No.2* reveals Schumann's admiration for J. S. Bach and portrays a romantic homage to the great German composer whom he considered to be both “unapproachable and unfathomable”. Be sure not to miss what promises to be a most compelling and stirring performance by this consummate string ensemble!



**FEBRUARY
9-10, 2019
SAT - SUN**

Saturday

5:00 pm

**Guest Speaker
on Immigration Challenges**

6:00 pm

**Global Dinner with cuisine
of featured cultures**

**Dinner prices: \$15/adults,
\$8/students, \$40/entire family,
Children under 5 yrs./free.**

7:30 pm

**Global Music Concert
featuring Guest Musicians**

Sunday

9:30 & 11:30 am

Worship

**Guest Speaker & Music of
Hispanic & Islamic traditions
included in worship**

Joy in Diversity: *Spiritual Unity & Grace through Immigration* Featuring Music of Islamic & Hispanic Traditions

This season, our annual February Global Weekend centers on the theme of “Joy in Diversity” as we celebrate our “spiritual unity” amid circumstances we face today. We are pleased to celebrate two cultures particularly affected by the challenges associated with immigration. Accentuated throughout the weekend are events featuring distinguished speakers addressing these key topics as well as talented musicians reflecting the beautiful, inspiring, energetic musical idioms of each culture by key artists. Further details to be announced.



**MARCH
2-3, 2019**

SUNDAY

Saturday – Sunday

Saturday

12:00 - 1:00 pm

**Rehearsals for
Worship Theatre**

1:00 - 3:00 pm

**General Christian Theatre
Workshops**

\$12 – Registration & Workshop Packet

Contact Church Office for
information & registration

5:00 - 6:00 pm

**Green Wood Worship with
Friends of the Groom**

Sunday

9:30 & 11:15 am

**Downtown Worship with
Friends of the Groom and
FUMC theatre participants**

3:00 - 4:00 pm

**Special Performance by the
Friends of the Groom
“Meet Me In The Air”**

Friends of the Groom

Christian Theatre Ensemble – Cincinnati, Ohio

Tom Long, artistic director and writer



Founded in 1980 by artistic director Tom Long, this dynamic Christian Theatre Ensemble now gives over 170 performances annually throughout the country. The group's mission is to convey the Gospel through drama, storytelling,

music, workshops, and performances. Through a high artistic level of creativity and performance, the “Friends” typically bring the Gospel to colorful and inspiring life. In the words of the “Friends”, “We are a theatre company committed to revealing the Christian message with a unique blend of humor, story, challenging content, and scenes that are hard to forget.” Workshops and the Saturday performance are open to the public.

The “Friends” will further present innovative worship performance for three services over the weekend. Join us for a unique encounter with the

“Friends of the Groom” which, as others have noted “...inspires us to give ourselves over to making God’s love visible in a deeper and more vibrant way.”



MAY 4, 2019

SATURDAY

6:00 pm

“An Evening in Paris”

FUMC Annual Dinner Show Fundraiser

FUMC Vocal Staff & Chancel Choir



This is the second of two music ministry fundraisers planned by our Music and Liturgical Arts team during the 2018-2019 season.

Unlike our fall Cabaret, this event is an actual Dinner-Show! Under

the culinary skills of James Beard Award-Winning Chef Alex Young, a sumptuous meal will be prepared and served in our charmingly decorated Social Hall. In celebration of Chef Alex's newly-opened elegant French restaurant “The Standard Bistro and Larder”, this event will once again feature exquisite French Cuisine. Enjoy the show, which takes place as you dine. A musical theme of “An Evening in Paris”, features our FUMC Vocal



Staff singing repertoire from “Classic Musicals”, “beloved Operatic” moments and popular French Café tunes. Our Chancel Choir will join our soli for a rousing finale at the end of this rich dining experience. 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.



MAY 19, 2019

SUNDAY

9:30 am & 11:15 am
Worship Services



Morten Lauridsen

“Come Into the Light”

Morten Lauridsen: *Lux Aeterna*

FUMC Chancel Choir

Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra

Ann Marie Koukios, conductor

Based on the theme of “Light”, Morten Lauridsen’s much-beloved work *Lux Aeterna* (*Light Eternal*) was written in 1997. A work of astonishing and consummate vocal beauty throughout, *Lux Aeterna* became immediately embraced by the entire global choral community. Written in a personal response to his mother’s final illness, Lauridsen found the ancient Latin texts centering on light to be a source of great comfort. He writes the following in his printed score: light is “a universal symbol of illumination at all levels - spiritual, artistic and intellectual.” Though the texts are drawn from Latin sources, the composer did not intend the work for liturgical use, but rather found the texts to be of universal appeal. The popularity of *Lux Aeterna* is noted as even now, more than 20 years later,



Lauridsen’s masterpiece annually still receives well over 75 formal performances. Subsequent works by Lauridsen include his now famous settings of *Sure on this Shining Night* and the hauntingly exquisite Christmas motet *O Magnum Mysterium*. Join us in worship as we share several works by this gifted

composer uplifting our souls through musical images of light. “The light shines in darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” [John 1:5]

GREEN WOOD CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

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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.

MUSIC FOR 13

Dexter Community Orchestra
Andrea Cowper, conductor



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018 • 3:00 PM

We are pleased to welcome two chamber ensembles from the Dexter Community Orchestra. The DCO, formed in 2005, is dedicated to enhancing the cultural experience in Dexter and the surrounding communities through the performance of classical music, offering qualified instrumentalists an opportunity to perform symphonic music, and seeks to foster music education for both youth and adults. In 2012, to expand the reach of the orchestra, chamber ensembles were formed from the DCO membership and began performing at the now annual Dexter Library Recital as well as area retirement homes. Under the direction of Andrea Cowper, Assistant Director of the DCO, the ensembles will present two works; Aaron Copland’s *Appalachian Spring* as originally scored for 13 instruments and selected movements from Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s *Serenade in B, K 361* (*Gran Partita*).

“Vocal Treasures from Near and Far”

Battle Creek Master Singers

Mark Wells, conductor

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018 • 3:00 PM

The Battle Creek Master Singers is an auditioned eight-part vocal ensemble capable of performing in groups of eight to sixteen singers. Under the direction of Dr. Mark Wells, the group has developed a highly-professional sound. While larger ticketed concerts and events will appear on their annual calendar, much of their focus is on serving as guest artist for local, regional, and out-state concert series, private engagements, and community events. Director Dr. Mark Wells is a native of Kentucky and currently the Music Director of St. Philip Catholic Church and an adjunct instructor of music at Kellogg Community College. He has also served as Dean of the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists. This concert features a beautiful and luscious array of choral repertoire including works by Hassler, Gibbons, Bach, Elgar, Fauré and more!



Ypsilanti “Town Band” Concert

Jerry Robbins, conductor

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2019 • 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 both dazzle and entertain you with a variety of styles, genres and informative insights into this era.



A Journey through American Music Traditions

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019 • 7:00 PM



Brian Giebler
tenor



Steven McGhee
piano

We are delighted to welcome back to Ann Arbor and to our Green Wood Series the talents of two extraordinary musicians – tenor Brian Giebler and pianist Steven McGhee. Since leaving Ann Arbor, Giebler has steadily emerged within the New York community as a new voice “of note” – Garnering praise for his “most impressive... bright, clear tone and lively personality” (New York Times), American tenor Brian Giebler is a “faultless high tenor” (Seattle Times) with “lovely tone and deep expressivity” (New York Times). From Evangelist in Bach’s St. Matthew Passion with the GRAMMY®-nominated Choir of Trinity Wall Street under Julian Wachner to Stravinsky with The Cleveland Orchestra under Franz Welser-Möst, “the sweetness of Giebler’s impressive high tenor” and his “expressive and elegant phrasing” (Cleveland Classical) has captivated audiences around the country. This concert will celebrate works by American composers including Argento, Bernstein, Copland, Hundley, J. Mercer, and others.

“A Baroque Music Tour”

Ann Arbor Camerata Baroque Chamber Ensemble

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019 • 3:00 PM

The Ann Arbor Camerata returns to our Green Wood Chamber Series to present a chamber concert featuring a smaller select group of some of its members in “A Baroque Music Tour”. This intimate concert takes us on a unique and fascinating journey through various countries and stylistic Baroque musical idioms, resulting in a stimulating opportunity to enjoy the differences between early performance practices used by French, German, and Italian Baroque composers. Don't miss this delightful array of Baroque chamber gems!



“Two Heads are Better Than One”

Red Shoe Company Chamber Ensemble

Teagan Faran, director

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019 • 3:00 PM

Red Shoe Company is a collective committed to better concert experiences which deepen the experience of live music, broaden its impact, and as a result, strengthen our communities. Founded in Ann Arbor, RSC's mission is to craft a new concert environment that degenrifies music, speaks to the needs of a modern audience, and encourages new ways of thinking about and acting on socio-cultural issues of our time. In December 2017, RSC was named a University of Michigan EXCEerator Fellow. “Red Shoe” has also been featured at UM Collage and ArtsX Performances. In this afternoon concert, we will rally against “genre-fication” featuring music of this season's Artists-in-Residence: Grey Grant and Karl Ronneburg. More information is available on redshoecompany.org.



“Going Baroque”

The Modern Harp Quartet

Maurice Draughn, director

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019 • 3:00 PM

We are delighted to welcome back The Modern Harp Quartet to our Green Wood Series. Comprised of seasoned alumni from the harp studios of Cass Tech, Wayne State University and the University of Michigan, the Modern Harp Quartet 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 Lynne Aspnes, Lydia Cleaver, Maurice Draughn and John Wickey. On this final chamber series concert the Modern Harp Quartet will perform a program of works that were composed during or inspired by the Baroque era. From Rameau to Ravel, this program will be a perfect blend of the ancient and modern with a baroque flair!





Join us!

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, 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 blended worship services at our Downtown location. All are welcome!



Sundays:	Time:	Featured event
Oct. 7	9:30 & 11:15 am	<i>World Communion Sunday</i> with Global Music Offerings
Nov. 4	9:30 am	<i>All Saints Sunday</i> – includes special music commemorating God’s saints
Dec. 24	5, 7:30 & 11:00 pm	<i>Christmas Eve Worship Services</i> (see website for details)
Feb. 10	9:30 & 11:15 am	<i>Global Worship</i> featuring Islamic & Hispanic Music in Sunday services
Mar. 2	5:00 pm	Friends of Groom Theatre Ensemble in Worship at Green Wood Worship Campus
Mar. 3	9:30 & 11:15 am	Friends of Groom Theatre Ensemble in Worship at Downtown Church
Mar. 6	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service with Taizé Worship Selections
Apr. 21	9:30 & 11:15 am	<i>Easter Worship</i> with Chancel Choir & Brass
May 12	9:30 am	<i>Children’s Spring Musical</i>
May 19	9:30 & 11:15 am	“ <i>Come Into the Light</i> ” – <i>Lux Aeterna</i> – <i>Morten Lauridsen</i> - Downtown Services



Special Children's Music Ministries

We are pleased to welcome new Music Staff Member Julie Skadsem who is now leading our FUMC Children's Music Ministry. Dr. Julie Skadsem is Associate Professor of Choral Music Education and Conducting at the University of Michigan where she conducts the Women's Glee Club and teaches courses in conducting, choral techniques and vocal methods. She has earned degrees in choral music education from St. Olaf College (B.A.), Florida State University (M.M.E.), and the University of Missouri-Kansas City (Ph.D.). Before coming to Michigan in fall 2006, Skadsem was Associate Professor of Music Education at the University of Alabama where she taught courses in choir, conducting and music education, and was the Founding Director of the Birmingham Children's Choir. She taught vocal music (7-12) in Ironwood, Michigan and is an active clinician, adjudicator, and guest conductor. She is a member of the VoiceCare Network and is certified in Dalcroze eurhythmics, Orff-Schulwerk and Kodaly.

Under Julie's direction our Cherub, Carol & Epworth Choirs are each regularly scheduled to present special music in Sunday morning worship services both as individual choirs and combined. This season, the children's choirs will also be featured in the Disney Extravaganza Event (October 7, 2018), Christmas Celebration (December 9, 2018), Global Diversity Weekend (February 9-10, 2019) and more! Stay tuned for additional information as this special ministry continues to grow and develop.

On May 12, 2019, at 9:30 am, our Children's Ensembles will also present a Spring Musical. Be sure to check on future dates for special appearances of our FUMC Children's Choirs. For more information regarding Children's Music at FUMC, contact Julie Skadem at julieskadsem@fumc-a2.org.



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

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