

COVENANT CONCERT SERIES

29TH CONCERT SEASON

Opening Concert

Sunday, October 25, 4:00 pm

Mary Mozelle, Organist

Covenant Director of Music/Organist

Our 29th Concert Season opens with a special Organ Concert to welcome our new Director of Music/Organist, Mary Mozelle. The program will feature exciting works for the organ, elegantly interpreted by Mary on our beautiful Rodgers four-manual organ. From the exciting Virgil Fox arrangement of Bach's "Now Thank We All Our God" to the closing "Toccata" from the Fifth Symphony by Charles Marie Widor, the program promises to inspire and delight the audience. Mary Mozelle is a distinguished concert organist and recording artist. As a solo recitalist, she has appeared throughout the United States and in the cathedrals of Great Britain. She has served as organist or organist/choirmaster in several noted churches throughout the United States, including, most recently, as Associate Organist at The National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC.



WoodWorks

Friday, November 20, 8:00 pm

Todd Betz – Bob Lunegan – Tom Suta – Michael Launius

WoodWorks was formed as a summer project by several classically trained percussionists from the Southwest Florida area approximately eight years ago. It is an ensemble which originally specialized in folk music written especially for the marimba. Although formed as a summer project, WoodWorks has become a year-round ensemble, performing concerts and clinics up and down the West Coast of Florida. Education through entertainment has always been an underlying goal.



Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

Friday, December 11, 7:30 pm

Covenant Concert Choir

Jubilate Ringers, Orchestra

Conductor: Mary Mozelle

Glory to God in the highest! Under the direction of Covenant's Director of Music, Mary Mozelle, the Covenant Concert Choir, soloists, and small orchestra will joyfully present the glorious Baroque masterpiece, Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria," as the centerpiece of this year's Christmas Concert. Other choral highlights will include John Rutter's "What Sweeter Music" and choral works by Felix Mendelssohn in honor of the 200th anniversary of his birth. The Jubilate Ringers will feature seasonable selections to help usher in this joyous holiday season!



ETA3

Friday, February 12, 7:30 pm

Emily Thomas, Flutist

Tomoko Nakayama, Pianist

Alexey Gorokholinsky,

Clarinetist

Named after a luminous and spectacular star-forming Nebula in our galaxy, ETA3 is a classical trio comprising American flutist Emily Thomas, Japanese pianist Tomoko Nakayama, and Russian clarinetist Alexey Gorokholinsky. (ETA initializes the first letter of each musician's first name.) Formed at The Juilliard School during spring of 2006, ETA3 strives to communicate the intellectual and emotional elements of life by broadening the audience's perspective through a varied range of repertoire. The Trio will play a Romantic program to initiate your Valentine's Day weekend.



Vegas, Soul & Rock 'n' Roll

Friday, February 26, 7:30 pm

The Ron Gartner Show

A high energy, highly entertaining songfest that takes audiences from the fingersnappin' sounds of the Rat Pack, Bobby Darin, and Tony Bennett to the great ballads sung by Perry Como and others to the Rock-'n'-Rollin' sounds of Bandstand and Motown! From Sinatra, Dino, and Sammy to the fabulous Bandstand songs of the 50's and 60's to Motown, there's something for everyone in this fantastic Vegas-style show. Ron Gartner means Great Entertainment!

"Lamb of God, Grant Us Peace"

Friday, March 19, 7:30 pm

Covenant Concert Choir

Jubilate Ringers, Orchestra

Conductor: Mary Mozelle

Covenant's annual Spring Concert will feature the beloved choral masterpiece "Mass in G" by Franz Schubert. Composed in 1815, this original version features our Concert Choir, a String Orchestra, Organist, and Soloists. The devotional mood of this great work reminds us of Christ's sacrifice for us and of our desire for His grace and peace in our lives. The Jubilate Ringers will perform delightful and expressive offerings.

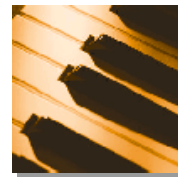
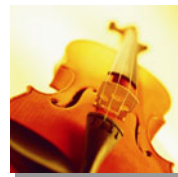


Westminster Choir College Scholarship Recipient

Friday, April 9, 7:30 p.m.

Rebecca Leshures, Pianist

Rebecca Leshures grew up in Alberta, Canada, and is a senior at Westminster Choir College. She currently studies with Ingrid Jacobson Clarfield, and she will be completing her Undergraduate Degree in Piano in May 2010. In 2007, she performed Beethoven's "Emperor Concerto" at the MTNA conference in Toronto, and in 2008, she performed Schumann's "Concerto in A minor" with the Princeton Community Orchestra. Rebecca also had the opportunity to play in Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall in May 2008 and has enjoyed giving recitals in both Alberta and New Jersey. She has been the first-place winner of all four annual piano competitions held at Westminster, competing against fellow pianists of her age. While in Canada, she placed in the top ten of the National Piano Competition for her age group. In addition to performing, Rebecca enjoys teaching, accompanying, and working at piano camps. Last year, she presented a lecture at the Calgary Arts Summer School Association.



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Covenant's concerts are open to the public and are free of charge. An offering is taken at each concert to help support these wonderful performances that we all enjoy. Your gift is important and helps make these concerts possible.

Thank you for your generous support!