

HERITAGE CHORALE OF NEW HAVEN

Lift Every Voice and Sing
Saturday, May 8, 2027, 7:30 p.m.

The voices of this thirty-member, multi-generational SATB ensemble will resonate throughout our sanctuary in a program of African American literature, hymns, anthems and gospel music. Led by their artistic director and founder, Dr. Jonathan Berryman, this all-black member choir has a broad repertoire of choral music from classical to spiritual to contemporary.

Now in its twenty-ninth season, this electrifying choir has been rousing audiences and receiving great accolades for their vibrant singing. They perform regularly as the featured choir in the New Haven Symphony Orchestra's Home for the Holidays Series and have sung at distinguished venues such as Lincoln Center, for their Festival Out of Doors Series in New York City, and the National Cathedral in Washington, DC, for the Connecticut State Day Celebration. Their bright spirit and dedication to music-making welcome high school students to join them in the joyful and glorious art of singing!



Other Music at First Church



Annual Festival Service of Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 20, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

The Choirs of First Church celebrate the Christmas season with the yearly tradition of music and scripture lessons of Advent and Christmas, inspired by the cathedrals of England and made famous by the yearly broadcast from King's College Chapel, Cambridge. We invite you to this inspiring service to listen to and sing some of your favorite Christmas carols and choir anthems accompanied by the brilliant

English style sounds of our fabulous Schoenstein pipe organ and The Constitution Brass Quintet.

Low Strung: Yale University's All-Cello Rock Band

Saturday, February 20, 2027, 7:00 p.m.

First Church hosts this amazing group of Yale University cellists as a Heads Up! Hartford fundraiser. Breaking out of the classical cello repertoire and venturing into the realm of classic rock and pop, Low Strung performs concerts that are characterized by sweeping, innovative arrangements of tunes by Led Zeppelin, Coldplay, the Beatles, the Eagles and many more. More information can be found at headsuphartford.org.

Tickets are \$30 (adults) and \$15 (students/seniors). All are asked to bring a nonperishable food item for the Glastonbury Food Pantry. Snow date: February 27.



Be a Friend of the Concert Series!

One of the historic traditions of our church is that all events held in the Meetinghouse are offered to the community for a voluntary minimal fee. However, the cost of bringing you such fine quality programs cannot be borne by these offerings alone! Your tax-deductible donation will allow us to continue to bring you the artistry to which you have become accustomed, and we will add your name to the ever-growing list of Friends of the Concert Series. As a Friend giving \$75, you will receive a ticket to each performance which may be presented at the door in place of a donation or offering. Sponsors (\$150) will receive two such tickets and Benefactors (\$250) will receive four tickets per concert. We accept gifts of any amount and all contributors are acknowledged in the concert programs.

Make checks payable to "First Church" with "Concert Series" in the memo and place them in the offering plate or mail them to:

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HOT MUSIC COMPANY

An Evening of Broadway Favorites

Saturday, October 3, 2026, 7:30 p.m.



Kick off our fall concert season with an unforgettable musical journey celebrating the absolute best of the stage. Connecticut's esteemed Hot Music Company brings the raw energy and magic of musical theater straight to our Meetinghouse. Produced by Artistic Director Linda Dubuc Wilson and comprised of the region's finest musical theatre vocalists, this powerhouse ensemble will capture your heart and stir your soul with their vibrant, high-spirited energy and deeply moving performances. Experience a spectacular mix of Broadway favorites, honoring the timeless geniuses like Rodgers and Hammerstein alongside iconic, paradigm-shifting visionaries like Stephen Sondheim and Jonathan Larson, whose radical storytelling altered Broadway forever. You will also enjoy incredible, inspiring selections from the creators of contemporary hits like *Come From Away* and *SUFFS*. From gorgeous, sweeping vocal resonance to dynamic stage presence, there is something here for every music lover.

ARMANTANO DUO

Nostalgia – Classic and Timeless!

Saturday, November 7, 2026, 7:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening of musical memories with Mike on acoustic guitar/vocals and his brother Steve on assorted percussion. This professional duo has been uplifting Connecticut audiences for more than 30 years with their talent and nostalgic repertoire. Their songs are well suited to a wide demographic with repertoire from a variety of artists such as The Beatles, James Taylor, Paul Simon, Bobby Darin, The Drifters, Jimmy Buffett, Alan Jackson, Frank Sinatra, The Temptations, Marvin Gaye, Glen Campbell and Creedence Clearwater Revival. Founding members of The Nifty Fifties Band and Rock Solid Alibi, they are celebrating 12 years in classic rock and rock & roll. Both groups have performed at many events such as First Night Hartford, First Night Middletown, Southington Apple Harvest Festival, Enfield 4th of July Celebration, New London OpSail and Taste of Hartford. It is sure to be a concert that will warm your heart and keep your feet tapping!



MAREK KUDLICKI, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIST

A Romantic Experience: Organ Music of Poland and More!

Saturday, February 6, 2027, 7:30 p.m.



With an impressive 58-concert North American tour experience, Marek Kudlicki, esteemed Polish organist, will tour the United States once again and perform here in Glastonbury on our magnificent Schoenstein Pipe Organ. His artistic activities as a concert organist have taken him to various parts of the world. From international festival performer and concert series recitalist to recording artist and soloist with orchestras, Marek has an extensive repertoire, spanning various musical periods and styles while showcasing romantic and contemporary organ music from his homeland of Poland that is seldom heard by American audiences. His performances offer not only technical perfection, but a profound interpretation of the Romantic style through his masterful registrations, expressiveness with rubato, and artistic intelligence. Marek is one of the few organists who earns his living almost exclusively from appearing in concerts and lecturing at universities on every continent while achieving great acclaim. Come and be inspired by this amazing talent!

CLIVE CARROLL & LILY NEILL

From Across the Pond to New England

Saturday, March 20, 2027, 7:30 p.m.

We are excited to bring to our series the internationally renowned soloists Lily Neill (harp) and Clive Carroll (acoustic guitar) for an eclectic concert program displaying a variety of styles and traditions, from 16th-century European court music and Irish and Nordic melodies to fiery dances and bluesy airs. As solo concert artists, they have performed around the world—North America to the Far East—Clyde Carroll, one of the finest fingerstyle guitarists, and Lily Neill, performing on the Lever Harp and “extolling aspects of harp music never previously heard.” Their musical union exudes an intensity of their solo performances, creating a type of genre-bending orchestra from two modest plucked-string instruments. Their program will entail fiery dances from Eastern Europe, beguiling Irish airs, jaunty Ragtime numbers and Elizabethan lute classics. This will be a concert not to be missed!

