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Dear Music Enthusiast,

With great pleasure, the Friends of Music at Emanuel presents its seventh chamber music series. Once again, our six concerts will bring dynamic artists to Manchester, who will share their artistry in the intimate and acoustically-superb sanctuary of Emanuel Lutheran Church.

During the 2017-2018 season, Chorus Angelicus and Gaudeamus return to present their highly-acclaimed Christmas program of exciting arrangements. In the spring, Esther Park, who performed in our series several years ago, will be joined by her sister, Sun-A Park, in an exceptional program of piano music for four hands.

Four of the concerts will feature artists who are new to our series. Boston-based Renaissonics will open the season playing madrigals and improvisational dances from Elizabethan and Jacobean England on handcrafted Renaissance instruments. The talented ensemble, Harmonia V, will treat us to both seldom-heard and contemporary compositions for woodwinds.

During an evening of beautiful Lieder, tenor Spencer Hamlin and mezzo-soprano Kerry Gotschall will perform 19th century German art songs that illustrate their unique characteristics and offer insight into the development of this art form.

Internationally acclaimed for their performances and recordings, the Lions Gate Trio will explore the piano trio repertory with selections by Mendelssohn and Dvorak, as well as new music.

I thank you for your continuing support and invite you to come along with us on another exciting musical journey. See you at these wonderful Saturday concerts.

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The Friends of Music at Emanuel chamber music series was established by a group of individuals who wanted to share great chamber music with the Greater Hartford/Manchester community, especially those who cannot afford to experience the joy that music brings. FME is a not-for-profit organization administered by a board of directors that receives no compensation.



Our concert series presents diverse musical performances of the highest quality. All the concerts are free because of the generous donations from music lovers who support the FME chamber music series. Our entire budget goes directly toward the performances to cover artist fees, promotion and publicity, operating costs and tuning of the instruments prior to the concerts.



Musicians and concert-goers alike acclaim Emanuel Lutheran Church as a premiere destination for chamber music. The intimate environment and Emanuel's acoustics are the perfect setting for presentations by the artists who often perform on its instruments, which include a beautifully-restored 1893 Steinway concert grand, David Jacques Ways harpsichord and Casavant pipe organ.



These concerts are for you, your family and friends and the community. If you enjoy and appreciate the series, consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Friends of Music at Emanuel. Please write a check to Emanuel Lutheran Church with "FME" on the memo line, and mail it to the church address. Your donation will be used solely for the benefit of the concert series.

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Pre-concert talks at 6:15

October 7, 2017

February 10, 2018

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RENAISSONICS*

October 7 at 7 pm

The glory of Renaissance music comes alive in the sparkling performances of Boston-based Renaissonics. Internationally acclaimed for their artistry, virtuosity and improvisations, the ensemble features exquisite madrigals and chamber music; elegant, improvisational dances; early Baroque trio sonatas and music of Elizabethan and Jacobean England played on handcrafted Renaissance instruments. www.renaissonics.weebly.com



HARMONIA V

November 11 at 7 pm

An innovative woodwind quintet based in Connecticut, Harmonia V performs seldom heard treasures and contemporary compositions to entertain and enlighten. Collectively, the performers' musical resumes include some of the nation's most prestigious music schools: The Curtis Institute, Eastman School of Music, Yale University, Hartt School of Music and Manhattan School of Music. Harmonia V will be performing classics by Ibert and Poulenc, as well as new compositions by Rick Sowash and Chris Brubeck. www.harmoniav.com



CHORUS ANGELICUS & GAUDEAMUS

December 9 at 4 pm

The two choirs will present their highly-praised Christmas program with narrator John McDonough. Old and new arrangements of carols and seasonal songs, along with traditional carols to delight the audience, will be masterfully sung by the pure, young voices of Chorus Angelicus and the mature voices of Gaudeamus, the adult chamber choir. www.chorusangelicus.com



LIEDERABEND*

February 10 at 7 pm

An evening of art songs in the German Romantic tradition will feature tenor Spencer Hamlin and mezzo-soprano Kerry Gotschall, joined by pianist Matthew Burry. They will perform works by Romantic composers, including Schubert, Schumann, Strauss and Wolf, in a program that illustrates the unique melding of poetry and music that was intrinsically characteristic of German Romanticism.



LIONS GATE TRIO

March 10 at 7 pm

An internationally-acclaimed ensemble in both the U.S. and Europe, the trio has performed in Germany, France, Belgium, Finland and most of the eastern U.S. Members of the trio are respected teachers and have served residencies at Tanglewood, Yale University and the University of Pittsburgh. Their program will include trios by Mendelssohn, Dvorak and Carter. www.lionsgatetrio.com



DUO AMADEAE

May 12 at 7 pm

Sisters Esther and Sun-A Park, both winners of numerous competitions, including the Chicago International Duo Piano Competition, have performed recitals at major venues in the United States, Europe, South America and Asia. Both earned degrees at The Julliard School in New York City. They will collaborate for a program of brilliant piano music for four hands on Emanuel's restored 1893 Steinway.



* Pre-concert talk at 6:15 p.m. in the Community Room. All concerts take place on Saturdays.

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