

Welcome!

This 193rd season of Music and the Arts at Center Church offers many (more than in recent years) opportunities for inspiration and enrichment. Come! Be witness to the great things happening here at the corner of Main and Gold streets!

Jason Charneski,
Director of Music and the Arts

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Unless indicated otherwise, all Music and the Arts at Center Church programs are given in Center Church's Meeting House, which is located in downtown Hartford at 675 Main Street. Driving directions and detailed information about parking are available at www.centerchurchhartford.org. In addition, please check the website for updates and more details about these events. If you are not already on our e-mail list (the best way to receive reminders, updates, and other news), please send an e-mail requesting your name be added to Jason Charneski at jasoncharneski@centerchurchhartford.net.



WELL-STRUNG Friday, October 24 7:00 p.m.



"...the hottest thing with a bow since
Jennifer Lawrence in 'The Hunger Games'"
– *New York Daily News*



Well-Strung, seen in live performance on *Today* and *Good Morning, America*, opens the season with a synthesis of styles (classical, jazz, and pop) set alongside spoken narrative and vocal solos that explore their journeys as gay men. This program is offered as part of a weekend-long celebration at Center Church of its vote twenty years ago to become an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ.

Admission to this major event will be via tickets: \$40 premium; \$25 general; \$15 senior/students; we are pleased to promote a special offer for holders of the Greater Hartford Arts Council's "Let's Go Arts!" card: Two general admission tickets for \$40.

SIMON THOMAS JACOBS, organist Friday, December 5 7:00 p.m.

presented in partnership with the
Greater Hartford Chapter of the
American Guild of Organists



We celebrate 60 years of the Roberts Memorial Organ in Center Church with a concert of works by J. S. Bach, Böhm Duruflé, Franck, and Messiaen, performed by Simon Thomas Jacobs, winner of the 2013 St. Alban's

International Organ Competition and the 2010 Albert Schweitzer Festival (USA) Competition. Currently in the process of completing an Artist's Diploma at Oberlin, he recently served as organist and associate choirmaster at Christ Church Cathedral in Indianapolis, having served Christ Church, Greenwich, in a similar capacity. Per winning the St. Alban's competition, his engagements include concerts at the famed chapel of King's College, Cambridge, and at Notre-Dame in Paris.

Admission will be free, though donations (\$10 per person, suggested) will be received at the door.

THE ALTURAS DUO & THE CENTER CHURCH CHOIR Sunday, December 14 10:30 a.m.



"Marvelous virtuosity."
– *The Washington Post*



The Alturas Duo (violinist Carlos Boltes and guitarist Scott Hill) returns to Center Church, this time to join the Center Church Choir in offering *Navidad Nuestra* (Our Christmas), Ariel Ramírez's folk drama of the Nativity based on some of the rhythms and traditions of Latin America. This cantata will be part of a larger Festival of Lessons and Carols at Center Church that morning.

Admission will be free, though there will be an opportunity to give in order to help meet expenses.

BOSTON BRASS

Friday, February 20

7:00 p.m.

(snowdate: Saturday, February 21)

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"To say the performers are spectacular and technical musical wizards is an understatement." – Charleston Today



Boston Brass offers an evening of virtuosity and entertainment. Their program will include classical, jazz, and pop tunes, along with the opportunity for audience members to choose which pieces will be played during the second half (think movie themes and show tunes)! A significant component of Boston Brass's work is to encourage music education via workshops and the purchase of instruments. There will be an opportunity to support this initiative.

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MICHELLE CANNING & ROUGH EDGES

Sunday, March 15

10:30 a.m.

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Michelle Canning, winner of the 2009 New England Banjo Competition, and her band, Rough Edges, will offer fast-driving Bluegrass, contemporary ballads, and original material within the context of the morning service at Center Church and in a concert immediately following. Come for an exploration of Americana old and new!

Admission will be free, though there will be an opportunity to give in order to help meet expenses.

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**Center Church:
Embracing God's Presence,
Serving the City,
Building upon its Heritage.**

HARTFORD STAGE

Sunday, April 19

10:30 a.m.

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Mona Golabek, star of *The Pianist of Willesden Lane* (playing at Hartford Stage from March 26 – April 26), will share some of the stories and the music from the

production, which explores accounts from her grandmother's and her mother's experiences during the Holocaust. This will be presented within the service at Center Church that morning and will be offered in observance of the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. All are encouraged to attend a complete performance at Hartford Stage. *Please note: Information about ticket prices or offerings will be forthcoming.*

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