



MUSIC
at _____
ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH



2022-2023





Welcome

Welcome to *Music at St. John's*, a yearlong series which believes that music is at the heart of our mission to worship, love, and serve God in the beauty of holiness. This year marks our 15th First Friday concert season.

Performances begin at 12:00pm on the first Friday of each month, September through May. Concerts and parking are free, followed by a luncheon with a suggested \$5 donation.

St. John's robust musical offerings also include our new St. John's Music Series & Vespers that punctuate the year and emphasize the liturgical season. These concerts and liturgies are open to the public, though some performances may require the purchase of tickets in advance/ at the door. St. John's is delighted to share their commitment to the fine and sacred arts with the community by bringing exceptional music to its historic church. We look forward to welcoming you to these events!

Dr. Jennifer Seighman

Director of Music

September
October
2022



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2022
12:00 NOON

Trumpet Duo

Jeff Castle & Dan Orban, *trumpets*
Tracy Cowden, *piano*

Enjoying extensive musical careers in both military and civilian life, this thrilling trumpet duo will perform selections featuring composers from Baroque, classical and modern genres.

**This performance is given as part of the First Friday Luncheon Series.*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022
12:00 NOON

Canciones de Latinoamérica

Lily Guerrero, *soprano*
SungEun Park, *piano*



Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a Spanish-language program presenting art songs and arias from México, Cuba, Argentina, and Colombia.

**This performance is given as part of the First Friday Luncheon Series.*

October
2022

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022
4:00 PM

British Band Music

San Antonio Wind Symphony
Robert Rustowicz, *Artistic Director*

This concert will feature British Band Music with works by Eric Coates, Gordon Jacob, Gilbert & Sullivan, and Malcolm Arnold. Free admission.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022
6:00 PM

Oktoberfest Vespers

St. John's Choir
Jennifer Seighman, *conductor*

This sung evening prayer presents music by German composers Buxtehude, Telemann, and Hillert. Free admission. A reception will follow in the courtyard.



TEXAS LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF MUSIC

November
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2022
12:00 NOON

TLU Chamber Ensembles

Enjoy chamber and solo works for a variety of ensembles and instrumentation performed by collaborative groups of students and faculty.

**This performance is given as part of the First Friday Luncheon Series.*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2022
7:00 PM

Sojourn

Texas Lutheran University Orchestra
Eliza Jeffords, *conductor*

Join us for a sojourn through the looking glass, through time, season, and place. Works by Caroline Shaw, Antonio Vivaldi, Ralph Ford, and Stella Sung, with TLU School of Music Faculty soloists, Dr. Eric Siu (violin) and Dr. Elizabeth Lee (cello). Free admission.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022
4:00 PM

8th Annual Charity Messiah

San Antonio Choral Society
Jennifer Seighman, *Artistic Director*



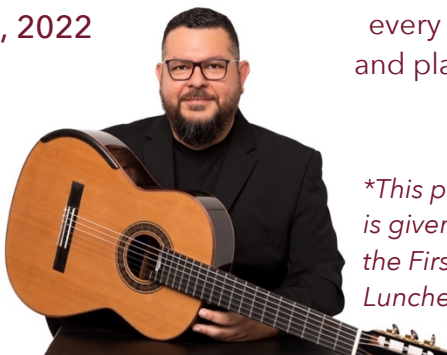
Experience this stunning performance of *Messiah* (Christmas portion) with choir, orchestra, and soloists. Due to COVID precautions, this year's *Messiah* will not be a community sing-along. A portion of ticket sales will go to support youth literacy. Tickets \$25.

December
2022

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2022
12:00 NOON

Music of Latin America & Spain

Isaac Bustos, guitar



"Soulful and virtually flawless," hails the Portland Oregonian and the Boston Globe writes, "In warm, round tones, the notes of Bach cascaded from the guitar, every note correct and played without hesitation."

**This performance is given as part of the First Friday Luncheon Series.*



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022
6:00 PM

Advent Vespers

Sonoro

Jennifer Seighman, conductor

Sonoro presents this beautiful evening service featuring settings of the "O Antiphons" by Merulo, Charpentier, Willan, Hallock, and Macmillan. Free admission. A reception will follow in the courtyard.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022
3:00 PM

A Christmas Carol

San Antonio Choral Society

Jennifer Seighman, Artistic Director



Experience this modern-day dramatization of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* interwoven with music and settings of timeless carols by GRAMMY®-nominated composer Benedict Sheehan. Narrator, soloists, and choir will be featured. Tickets \$5-18.

January
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2023
12:00 NOON

Epiphany

Austin Baroque Orchestra
Chamber Soloists
Billy Traylor, *Artistic Director*

Epiphany, which celebrates Christ's revelation to the Gentiles as manifested in the visit of the Magi, has long been one of Christianity's most important feast days. This program will feature works from Germany, Spain, Latin America, and Italy, with a small ensemble of instruments and voices.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023
4:00 PM

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**Trinity University Chamber
Singers & Agarita**
Gary Seighman, *conductor*



Featuring Caroline Shaw's *To the Hands* for chorus and string quintet, the Chamber Singers present a program focused on people displaced from their homeland due to political and religious upheaval. This concert is a preview of their upcoming performance for the February 2023 Texas Music Educators Association Convention and includes San Antonio-based chamber ensemble, Agarita. Free admission.

February
March
2023

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2023
12:00 NOON

Serenade: Love Songs of Beethoven and Britten

Steven Brennfleck, *tenor*
Nyle Matsuoka, *piano*

Praised by the New York Times as a “stand out” performer, tenor Steven Brennfleck has been consistently acknowledged for his consummate artistry, vocal flexibility, and moving interpretations on the operatic and concert stage.



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SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023
3:00 PM

Marching to Freedom

San Antonio Choral Society
Jennifer Seighman, *Artistic Director*



This extended musical celebration of Black History month will juxtapose readings and stories with music by Black composers. Art songs, Spirituals, Gospel, Rap, and more with special guests. Tickets \$5-18.

March
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SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023
7:00 PM

2023 National Tour

Concordia Choir of Moorhead, MN
Michael Culloton, conductor

Michael Culloton conducts his first tour with the 67-voice Concordia Choir of Moorhead, Minnesota during their 16-day National Tour of the Central United States, which includes the San Antonio metro. Performances with the Grammy Award-winning King's Singers and in nearly every major hall, including Carnegie Hall and Kennedy Center, highlight the choir's world-class quality. Experience an eclectic program of traditional and contemporary choral works. Tickets \$20.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023
12:00 NOON

Peace, My Heart

Texas Lutheran
University Choirs
Douglas Boyer, conductor



TLU Choir, Treble Choir, Kantorei Chamber Choir, and School of Music Faculty present several newly commissioned works.

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April
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FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023
12:00 NOON

St. John Passion, Christoph Demantius

Sonoro

Jennifer Seighman, conductor



Sonoro presents Christoph Demantius's *St. John Passion and the Prophecy of Isaiah*. Written in 1631, Bohemian-German composer Demantius powerfully pairs St. John's passion narrative with the prophet Isaiah's depiction of the suffering servant. Hailed as one of the most significant passion settings of the late Renaissance, this work, for six voices, represents the last in the development of the German motet passion, preceding the "oratorio passion" of the later Baroque which culminated with J.S. Bach.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023
6:00 PM

Eastertide Vespers

St. John's Choir

Jennifer Seighman, conductor



St. John's Choir presents music for the Easter Season. Free admission. A reception will follow in the courtyard.

May

2023



FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023
12:00 NOON

Cinco de Mayo

Nadia Bohachewsky
Soree, harpsichord

Accomplished in both music and law, Soree holds a Juris Doctor degree from Yale Law School and is currently completing her Doctor of Musical Arts at the University of North Texas. Keyboard music of the Spanish Baroque will be presented in celebration of Cinco de Mayo.

**This performance is given as part of the First Friday Luncheon Series.*

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023
3:00 PM

The Voice of Humanity

San Antonio Choral Society
Jennifer Seighman, Artistic Director

When words fail, music gives humanity a voice - its struggles, its dreams, its longings for hope, unity, and love. This concert illuminates voices from the other side of the world, with Arabic, Jewish, Hungarian, and Latvian works, as well as voices in our own backyard, with Craig Hella Johnson's *Considering Matthew Shepherd: A Choral Suite* and music to honor the victims of Uvalde and other recent tragedies. Tickets \$5-18.





Coming in 2025...

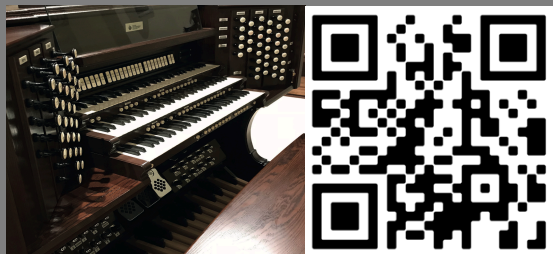
Orgues Létourneau Ltée (Opus 140)!

St. John's is thrilled to announce that Orgues Létourneau of Saint-Hyacinthe, Québec—an international leader in pipe organ design, construction, restoration, and tonal finishing for over 40 years—is under contract to replace the church's two existing organs with the Orgues Létourneau Ltée, Opus 140. Rooted in Lutheranism's strong musical heritage, organ music has been at the heart of St. John's since the church was established in 1857. Investing in a world-class instrument of incomparable quality, St. John's reaffirms its dedication to the future excellence of fine and sacred arts in the community. This new instrument will provide for extreme performance versatility and the expansion of our music series offerings.

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