

Broadway Extravaganza
The Choirs of First Church, Glastonbury
Saturday, May 17, 2025, 7:30 p.m.



The Chancel and Cantate Choirs of First Church invite you to an evening of Broadway hits from *Music Man* to Disney favorites! Popular selections will highlight a central theme of “*Love and Hope in a New World of Change.*” Audience participation is encouraged! So, bring your strong voices and join in singing some of your beloved showtunes! The children will delight us with some dance moves and their melodious singing, along with our talented soloists and singers who will warm our hearts with their glorious voices!

Other Music at First Church

A Festival Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 15, 2024, 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 1, 2025, 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 8.**

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:

Friends of the Concert Series
First Church of Christ, 2183 Main Street, Glastonbury, CT 06033

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Marrazza-Cart Duo
Music for a New World
Saturday, October 19, 2024, 7:30 p.m.

Renowned for its passionate and musically stirring performances, the **Marrazza-Cart Duo** will feature Philadelphia's exhilarating flutist, Robert Cart, performing with Ukrainian pianist Dmitriy Glivinskiy. They will present a program of American music written between 1922-2021, including works by renowned women composers such as Amanda Harberg and Valerie Coleman. As an advocate of new music performing throughout the United States and at esteemed venues such as Carnegie Hall, Robert Cart will feature Coleman's *Fanmi Imèn* (2018), based on the Haitian Creole translation of the title of Maya Angelou's renowned poem *Human Family*, which will be read in its entirety prior to its performance.



An Evening with Teresa Walters
International First Lady of the Piano
Saturday, November 9, 2024, 7:30 p.m.



An International Steinway Artist, Teresa Walters will delight our Glastonbury audience with her superb and astonishing performance of the great piano repertoire including works by Liszt, Glinka and Balikirev. Her famous performances at Beijing's Forbidden City Concert Hall and the International Diplomatic Corps in Copenhagen made headlines touting, "*Her fingers give off sparks and she takes the keyboard into orbit.*" Inspired by a strong Christian faith, her concert program will feature piano selections reflective of a musical journey of comfort and joy. With her magical blend of brilliant virtuosity and inspiring keynote comments, she creates a symbiotic energy with all her audiences. It will be a performance you will not want to miss!

Grayson Hugh with Polly Messer
Blue-Eyed Soul Legend
Saturday, February 22, 2025, 7:30 p.m.

Presenting the return of internationally acclaimed American singer-songwriter, pianist and blue-eyed soul legend, Grayson Hugh, along with his wife, Polly Messer. Hugh's piano playing has been called "*a veritable cyclone of soul*" and his voice has been compared to Sam Cooke and Otis Redding. Don't miss the chance to see this talented duo up close and personal, performing Hugh's songs from his albums, *Blind to Reason*, *Road to Freedom*, *An American Record* and *Back to the Soul*, as well as his hits from radio and Oscar-winning films *Thelma and Louise* and *Fried Green Tomatoes*. His program will feature the most recent collaboration with Polly, *Save your Love for Me*, released in 2023, containing thirteen songs in a roots country style. It is a rare opportunity to hear Grayson and Polly perform some of Grayson's hits from radio and film as well as previously unreleased songs in an intimate, acoustic setting.



Alchemy
GMChorale's Vocal Chamber Ensemble
Saturday, March 22, 2025, 7:30 p.m.



First Church is excited to welcome back Alchemy! This premiere ensemble has been thrilling audiences across Connecticut since its 2016 debut. Led by founding Artistic Director, Joseph D'Eugenio, the ensemble is recognized for its vocal beauty, richness and subtlety, bringing a touch of gold to concerts and collaborations of the highest musical quality. Alchemy and the GMChorale's mission are one and the same -- "*Singing for a Lifetime*" through concert tours, collaborations (most often with high school choirs and youth choirs, such as Elm City Girls' Choir and Saecula Singers), musical leadership, education and community engagement. This will be an evening of harmonious exuberance.