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Upcoming Events

Michael Gagne, organist, December 4, 2013, 12:30PM - Michael is the Minister of Music at Faith Lutheran Church in Arlington Heights. He will dazzle us with an organ recital of Christmas favorites.

The Glory of Christmas, December 8, 2013, 4:00 pm - The Chancel Choir, Chamber Singers and Men’s Chorus with orchestra in a concert of seasonal favorites. Come early to get a seat!
A NOTE FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

When La Caccina began planning our third season, we thought a lot about what kind of message we wanted to communicate. Believing as we do that music is a powerful unifying force, we knew we wanted to sing a concert that would speak to a variety of experiences and represent our characteristic range of musical styles, while still telling a single musical story. We wanted to encourage our audiences to connect with the music in a deeper way, to allow our songs to speak to their lives. Simply put, we wanted our story to become your story.

And so we turned to the thing that unites us all and created Kaleidoscope Hearts, a musical exploration of emotions from helplessness to determination, and from sorrow to joy. Composers throughout history have examined the human heart through song, and we have gathered the most striking examples of emotional writing together in our concert. So whether your heart recognizes the pangs of unrequited love in Renaissance polyphony, or hears a song of redemption in the polyrhythms of an Indian raga, we hope that you will open your minds to the range of experiences that surround us every day.

We are also pleased to welcome The Rookery to our program. Whether singing their own songs of joy or lending their voices to ours, their dedicated musicianship is an inspiration to us and to all who hear them. We are so pleased to be able to link their story to ours, to bring you a concert that is stronger for the wide range of voices you will hear.

The cornerstone of this program is Sara Bareilles’ prologue song from which our concert takes its name. “Kaleidoscope Heart” acknowledges the great capacity of the human heart to feel, which in turn enables us to experience compassion, empathy, and love. Our emotions connect us to each other, regardless of time, location, or past experience. Listening to this music, so varied and yet so familiar, so old and yet so new, it is easy to believe that we are not as different as we sometimes imagine. We hope that you will find your story in our songs, your voice in our singing.

Thank you for coming.

Carling FitzSimmons

La Caccina: Patty LeClair, Caroline Eichler, Carling FitzSimmons, Alaina Carlson, Robyn Rae Stype, Rana Marks

The Rookery: Thomas Alan, Todd Stura, Matthew Dean, Joe Labozetta, William Chin, Michael Brown

Kaleidoscope Heart

PROLOGUE

Bareilles arr. Carling FitzSimmons

HELPLESSNESS

Morley arr. Norman Greyson
Traditional arr. Michael McGlynn
Ron Jeffers
John Wilbye

SORROW

Kathleen Allan
Matthew Harris
Kosma arr. Ryan O’Connell
Essi Wuorela & Jussi Chydenius

DETERMINATION

arr. Carling FitzSimmons
Kim Baryluk
Eleanor Daley
Ethan Sperry

FAITH

Melchior Franck
Lotti arr. Walter Ehret & Harry Robert Wilson
David MacIntyre
David arr. Peter Knight

JOY

William Byrd
Newley & Bricusse arr. Michael Brown
Mraz arr. Philip Lawson

LOVE

Johann Jeep
Berlin arr. Kirby Shaw
Nathan Christensen