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St. Margaret's Episcopal Church

2011-2012 Concert Series



ST. MARGARET'S DAY*

Sunday, November 13, 10am

On Sunday, November 13, at 10 am the church will ring out with the glorious sounds of the Kevin Blandford Memorial Pipe Band, Brass, choir and organ.



Following the festive service, the pipes and drums will play on the patio. Plan now to invite your friends, and come early for this very special day in the life of St. Margaret's Church. Also, remember to wear your plaid!

*This is a festive church service, not a DFOM concert.



A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 11, 7pm \$10

The St. Margaret's Adult Choir will be joined by readers, organ, flute, oboe, violin and harp for this special presentation of wonderful music for the Christmas season. This service is an annual highlight of the musical season at St. Margaret's and an early arrival is suggested for seating as the church is always full. Invite your friends now to come hear the glorious music of Christmas at St. Margaret's.

FREDERICK SWANN, ORGANIST

Sunday, January 29, 4pm \$20

Frederick Swann is in his eleventh season as Organ Artist - in - Residence at St. Margaret's. For 25 years he was Organist and Director of Music at the famed Riverside Church in New York City, and in a similar position at the Crystal Cathedral in California for 16 years before becoming Artist-in-Residence at The First Congregational Church of Los Angeles, which houses the largest church organ in the world. In addition to his work at St. Margaret's he recently served six years as National President of the American Guild of Organists (20,000 members with Chapters in every state plus several foreign countries). He is currently Artist Teacher of Organ and University Organist at the University of Redlands, and Organist Emeritus of the Crystal Cathedral and the First Congregational Church of Los Angeles. He has performed nearly 3,000 recitals in all of the United States and 7 foreign countries, retiring from this activity in the fall of 2011. Reception following.



NATHAN LAUBE, ORGANIST

Tuesday, March 20, 7pm \$20

At the age of twenty-three, a star among young classical musicians, concert organist Nathan Laube has quickly earned a place amongst the organ world's elite performers. His brilliant playing, creative programming, and gracious demeanor have thrilled audiences and presenters across the United States and in Europe, and have earned high praise from critics and peers alike. He has become known for his colorful and virtuoso transcriptions of orchestral works by Liszt, Mendelssohn, Mahler, Rossini, and Strauss. Along with his extensive concert touring, he is currently beginning a graduate degree program in Stuttgart, Germany and will also hold the position of Artist in Residence at The American Cathedral in Paris. Reception following.



THE CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS

Monday, April 16, 7pm \$35 & \$20

From the Mother Church of the Anglican Communion and the seat of the Archbishop of Canterbury this incredible choir will bring a concert featuring music from the 13th century to newly-composed works. The choir consists of 12 lay clerks, men who are professional singers but also work locally, and the 20-strong choristers, boys of 9-13 who attend St. Edmund's School in Canterbury. The Choristers of Canterbury Cathedral sing services six days a week at the Cathedral services, making a vital contribution to the tradition which has continued for over 1400 years. As the final concert of this season, come enjoy music in the Anglican tradition at its best. Reception following.



THE WESTMINSTER CHORUS

Sunday, February 12, 5pm \$35 & \$20

Back By Popular Demand!!

This popular male chorus took our series by storm last season so here they are again with their incredible sound and exuberant choreography! Members of this international championship chorus come from all walks of life for one purpose ... to sing at a very high skill level and enjoy the company of young musicians who share this goal. The Desert Friends of Music are delighted to welcome back our neighbors from nearby Westminster, California for this very special evening of song. Reception following.

