

WELCOME!

Where charity and love are, God is there –

These are the opening words of *Ubi Caritas*, an ancient text now set to music by acclaimed composer **David Conte** in recognition and celebration of the 175th anniversary of The First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland. This work will be premiered at our Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving on November 22, 2009.

Music and the arts have always been an integral part of our vibrant community of faith. We celebrate, reflect, rejoice and pray with all the artistic gifts bestowed upon us from the Creator.

This booklet is overflowing with artistic offerings of music, theatre and dance, *and we want you to be with us!*

Join us in our year long diverse celebration of the arts. We are an inclusive gathering of charity and love, and

Where charity and love are, God is there –

and there is music, theatre and dance!

Dr. Robert Schneider
Director of Music and Organist

G. Michael Skerritt
Chair of the Music and Fine Arts
Committee

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in God.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.*

Cuyahoga Community College Presents the Classical Piano Performance Academy Piano Recital Series in FBC Sanctuary

October 11, 2009, Sunday – 3:30 pm

Through his recitals, concert appearances and critically acclaimed recordings, Irish pianist John O'Connor has earned a reputation as a masterful interpreter of the Classic and Early Romantic piano repertoires. He has been praised for his formidable technique, eloquent phrasing, mastery of keyboard color and, in particular, for a unique sound which earned him the moniker "Poet of the Piano."

November 15, 2009, Sunday – 3:30 pm

Pianist Yunjie Chen has given recitals throughout his native China, and has appeared as a soloist with the SBS Television and Radio Youth Orchestra at the Sydney Opera House in Australia. He won First Prize in the 2009 International Russian Music Competition in San Francisco, California, among other honors.

January 10, 2010, Sunday – 3:30 pm

Described by London's Classic FM Magazine as a "sensationally gifted" musician of "stunning artistry," Rustem Hayroudinoff graduated from the Moscow Conservatory, where he studied with Lev Naumov, and received his postgraduate degree (DipRAM) at the Royal Academy of Music in London where he currently serves as Professor of Piano.

February 7, 2010, Sunday – 3:30 pm

Pianist and composer Logan Skelton has been featured on numerous radio and television programs, including National Public Radio's "Audiophile Audition," "Performance Today" and "All Things Considered," as well as in numerous international piano festivals.

March 21, 2010, Sunday – 3:30 pm

Emanuela Friscioni, Director of the Tri-C Classical Music Academy, and Cleveland Orchestra's members will join forces to present a chamber music Concert with piano. All revenue from the concert will benefit Tri-C Classical Music Academy scholarships.

Tickets: \$20

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Arts Outreach (Continued)

December 6, 2009, Sunday 9:00 am Contemporary Service; and 11:15 am Traditional Service.



The December 6th Advent services at FBC will be enriched by an original liturgical dance created and performed by Chanda Ford, founding artistic director of Cleveland Inner City Ballet. Dance has been an important part of worship since ancient times. Liturgical Dance has been described as a Christian form of prayer through body movement.

Ms. Ford received her early training with Cleveland Ballet. She has studied with Cleveland School of the Arts, the Alvin Ailey School in New York City, Ohio State University, and Akron University. She has received scholarships to attend Ohio State University, Akron University, The Governors Summer Institute at Ohio State University and Interlochen Arts Camp in Michigan. Chanda has also performed professionally with the Alvin Ailey School in New York City, Cleveland Contemporary Dance Theater under the direction of Michael Metcalf and the Cavs Dance Team. Ms. Ford has taught at the Music School Settlement, Broadway School of Music, Cleveland School of the Arts, Thurgood Marshall Recreation Center, Karamu, Ashtabula Arts Center, and several private dance studios throughout the greater Cleveland area.

**May 14, 2010, Friday, 7:30 pm, Spahr Center
"The Woman Beside The Man"**



This is a staged reading that allows three of America's most fervent survivors (Coretta Scott King, Betty Shabazz and Myrlie Evers) to speak as one. In their own voices, these conscientious women speak strongly against injustice, maltreatment, and discontentment. They proclaim the triumph and great success of their husbands, and their quests for civil liberties for all Americans. Collaborators Connie Blair and Renee Matthews Jackson are the original researchers for the project. They are joined in the performance by Eva Withers-Evans.

First Baptist Art Gallery

A recent addition to the growing arts program at First Baptist Church is a new gallery space in the Fairmount Hallway. We will feature a new exhibit every three months. Interested artists should contact Sharon Anderson, Director of Arts Outreach at 216-932-7480.

EVENTS BY DATE – 2009

October 9, Saturday, 7:30 pm, Spahr Center
Movie and Pie Night

October 10, Saturday, 8:00 pm, Sanctuary
Opera Per Tutti *Mozart by Candlelight*

October 11, Sunday, 3:30 pm, Sanctuary
John O'Connor, Tri-C Piano Recital Series

October 18, Sunday, 3:00 pm, Sanctuary
Cleveland Guitar Society Recital

October 29-31, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 7:30 pm, Spahr Center
Looking Out, premiere of commissioned play by Max Bush

November 1, Sunday, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary
Heights Chamber Orchestra

November 15, Sunday, 3:30 pm, Sanctuary
Yunjie Chen, Tri-C Piano Recital Series

November 22, Sunday, 11:15 am, Sanctuary
Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving with the premiere of *David Conte's Ubi Caritas*

December 5, Saturday, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary
OPUS 8, a cappella group performing sacred, popular or classical music

December 6, 9:00 and 11:15 am, Worship with Dance
10:00 am Children's Musical

December 11 & 12, Friday & Saturday, 8:00 pm, Sanctuary
Apollo's Fire Praetorius *Christmas Vespers*, ticketed event

December 13, Sunday, 4:00 pm, Sanctuary
A Festival of Lessons and Carols

December 20, Sunday, 11:15 am, Sanctuary
Christmas portion of *Handel's Messiah*, FBC Choir, Soloists & Orchestra

December 24, Christmas Eve, Sanctuary
7:00 pm Pageant with Live Animals
11:00 pm Candlelight Service

Events By Date – 2010

January 10, Sunday, 3:30 pm, Sanctuary

Rustem Hayroudinoff, Tri-C Piano Recital Series

January 17, Sunday, 2:00 pm, Sanctuary

Robert Schneider and Betty Meyers, piano / organ recital
(Lunch available between church and recital)

February 7, Sunday, 3:30 pm, Sanctuary

Logan Skelton, Tri-C Piano Recital Series

February 21, Sunday, 2:00 pm, Sanctuary

Tom Trenney, organ recital
(Lunch available between church and recital.)

February 24, Wednesday, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

A Program of American Music, Shaker Heights High School
A Cappella Choir and Orchestra and FBC Chancel Choir

March 12-21, Friday & Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday at 2:00 pm; Tuesday at 7:00 pm, Spahr Center
The Happy Ending Lyric Players *"Fiddler On the Roof"*

March 21, Sunday, 3:30 pm, Sanctuary

Emanuela Friscioni and Cleveland Orchestra members, Tri-C Series

April 1, Maundy Thursday, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

Service of Holy Communion with a dramatic presentation of
Georg Frederic Handel's *Passion of Christ*, The Chancel Choir
and orchestra.

April 18, Sunday 2:00 pm, Sanctuary

A Program of Chamber Music

May 1, Saturday, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Diane J. Menges, recital

May 13, Thursday, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

University Heights Symphonic Band Concert

May 22, Saturday, 8:00 pm, Spahr Center

The Three Sopranos Benefit Concert

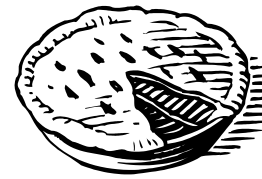
June 3-5, Thursday–Saturday, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

With Jae Williams the Gospelkidd and Friends. Enjoy top Gospel
Quartet artists as they compete for prizes..

Arts Outreach Events

October 9, 2009, 7:30 pm, Movie & Pie Night

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and this year the FBC
Arts Outreach program has joined with Adam Whiting of the Cleveland Institute



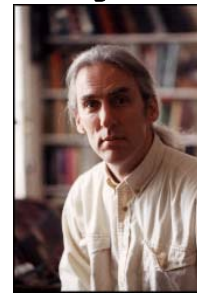
of Music to present an evening that will include a
movie, and a pie baking contest. An audience hit at
Sundance (won the 2007 Sundance film Festival) *WAIT-*
RESS reveals the power of friendship, motherhood and
the willingness to take a chance. A favorite waitress at
Joe's Diner, Felicity names her tantalizing confections

after the tumultuous events and emotions of her daily life. She's hoping that
one of her pastries, like her "Kick in the Pants" Pie might even change her life.

Following the movie, we present the pies! We are asking for all of our won-
derful pie chefs to donate a pie for the event. The audience will vote with their
dollars for the first, second and third place winners. Of course, we will also eat
the pies. All proceeds from the event will be donated to a local shelter. Sug-
gested donation at the door, \$10.00

October 29, 30 & 31, 2009, 7:30 pm, Spahr Center

"Looking Out" is a play commissioned by the First Baptist Church of Greater
Cleveland as a part of the Arts Outreach program. The
play, directed by Martin Rolf Massaglia, is set in Forest Hill
Park. Many FBC teens and adults have been interviewed
as a part of creating this new work.



The play, a mystery, follows the lives and relationships
of teens and the adults who try to influence and guide
them as they strive to pursue their life paths and dreams
while being confronted by the stresses of race, social is-
sues and city life. The story revolves around a dance, a
project that is being created by two of the main characters, Darius and Alex, for
their high school drama class. The dance expresses Alex's frustration with his
brother who is in prison for selling drugs. Alex, however, struggles with the
temptation to pick up his brother's drug route to help support his mother and
younger brother. Chanda Ford, Artistic Director of Cleveland Inner City Ballet,
will choreograph the dance scenes. Max Bush will attend all performances and
lead an audience "talk back" after each show.

Suggested Donation \$8.00

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October 10, 2009, Saturday, 8:00 pm
Opera Per Tutti presents "Mozart By Candlelight"

Cleveland area professional singers of Opera Per Tutti accompanied by the Amethyst String Quartet and piano perform selections from the beloved composer's operatic masterpieces. General admission is \$25 and Patron tickets are \$75, which includes preferred seating and a post-concert catered reception.

November 22, 2009, Sunday, 11:15 am
A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving

The Chancel Choir will premiere David Conte's *Ubi Caritas*, commissioned for the 175th anniversary of First Baptist Church. The service will also include Conte's *Valediction*, *Antiphon* for organ and brass choir and *The Lord is My Shepherd*, with Diane Menges, soloist. The composer will be present.

One of the last students of legendary teacher Nadia Boulanger of Paris, native Clevelander David Conte has been Professor of Composition and Conductor of the Conservatory Chorus at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music since 1985, and Composer-in-Residence for the San Francisco theater company Thick Description since 1990. He is the composer of over seventy published works, including five operas, a musical, works for chorus, solo voice, orchestra, chamber music, organ, piano, guitar, and harp.

December 5, 2009, Saturday, 7:00 pm



OPUS 8, is an a cappella ensemble of eight professionally trained male singers, all current or former members of the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus, including our FBC tenor soloist, Matt Rizer. They perform repertoire ranging from sacred to classical to popular music.

January 17, 2010, Sunday, 2:00 pm

Robert Schneider and Betty Meyers in recital.



FBC's talented staff musicians present a varied program of music for piano and organ, 2 harpsichords and 2 pianos. Each artist will perform solo and in collaboration on our magnificent Skerritt-Cumming pipe organ, Sperrhake and Dowd harpsichord and Steinway grand pianos.

February 21, 2010, Sunday, 2:00 pm, Sanctuary



Tom Trenney, organ recital

A native of Perry, Ohio, Tom was recently appointed Minister of Music at First Plymouth Church (UCC) in Lincoln, Nebraska. A graduate of The Cleveland Institute of Music he earned two graduate degrees at the Eastman School of Music and was the first organist to win both the First Prize and the Audience Prize in the American Guild of Organists National Competition in Organ Improvisation.

April 18, 2010, Sunday, 2:00 pm, Sanctuary

A Program of Chamber Music

Associate Director of Music Betty Meyers is joined by former members of the Cleveland Orchestra: Gary Tishkoff, violin; Yarden Faden, viola; Diane Mather, cello; Ann Gilbert, bass with Phyllis Speirs, mezzo-soprano in music of Telemann and Schubert.

May 1, 2010, Saturday, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Diane Julin Menges, soloist



Diane is joined by Adam Whiting, pianist; Brian Kozak, guitar; Mary Beth Ions, violin and Linda Atherton, cellist. It will be an evening of music from England with Dowland Lutesongs, Purcell, Vaughan-Williams, Quilter, and Songs of the British Music Hall.

May 22, 2010, Saturday, 8:00 pm, Spahr Center

Fourth Annual Music and Fine Arts Benefit Concert presenting

The Three Sopranos— Diane Menges, Rebecca Freshwater and Lydia Hall will present selections from the popular soprano repertoire of opera, oratorio, theater and other genres. This wonderful evening of music which will include Tasty Delights by Faith. By reservation only! Circle the date on your calendar. Benefit Patron tickets start at \$25. Contact the FBC Office after April 1, 2010 at 216-932-7480. Detailed information will be available after April 1.

June 3-5, 2010, Quartet Super Bowl Showcase, 7:00 pm

With Jae Williams the Gospelkidd and Friends. Enjoy top Gospel Quartet artists as they compete over three days for a \$1,000 cash prize each day. All services are in the Sanctuary and are free and open to the public.



Robert Schneider

Conducts

**The First Baptist Chancel Choir
The Shaker Heights High School
A Cappella Choir and Orchestra
(Donna Dehn, orchestra director)**

Wednesday, February 24, 2010 · 7:30 p.m.
Sanctuary of First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland

**A Program of American Music
with Leonard Bernstein's**

Chichester Psalms

The program will also include music of
Aaron Copland and David Conte

In addition to a busy school concert schedule, the Shaker Heights High School A Cappella Choir and Orchestra have performed concert tours in London, Paris, Rome, Austria, Germany and the Czech Republic.

**Free and open to the public
Come and join us for this special community event**