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# Worship & Music at St. Andrew's

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*Dear Friends,*

We've reached an important milestone: our \*second\* full concert season since the beginning of the pandemic, which must mean that our newfound momentum was not a fluke, but a testament to the strong support in this parish and beyond for making high quality art accessible for the entire community.

But in a new world with newfound energy, there are new costs. Much as your gas, groceries, and rent might be costing you more than they did in 2019, the cost of supporting artists of all stripes has risen too, even during the last year or two. Along with the struggle to ensure that the creation of art is valued fairly in a financial sense—which has been a challenge as long as there have been artists—musicians and others in the creative realm now find themselves faced with a new cost of living.

One of my great joys in serving St. Andrew's is witnessing this parish's commitment to paying artists fairly, and FoMA takes this mission seriously. To do this, of course, requires a commitment from as many of you as are able. I really hope you'll consider increasing your gift either in the plate or in the mail if you've donated before, or consider throwing even a dollar or two in the pot if you haven't.

Our sincere hope is that anyone who sees our doors can be exposed to great art for free, and this starts with supporting our artists.

Meanwhile, if you're new here, we're really glad you found us, and hope you'll come back for more free concerts throughout this season and beyond. We also hope you'll come see us on Sunday mornings, when our choir and organ support music every week and where everyone, of all ages and from all backgrounds, is truly welcome.



*Gabriel Rhys Simerson*  
Director of Music and Organist



# Friends of Music & the Arts at St. Andrew's

## 2023 - 2024 Season

### SEPTEMBER

#### 17TH SIGLO DE ORO: A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS

**4:00 PM** | Siglo de Oro is one of the leading British vocal ensembles of its generation, praised for its golden tone, fresh interpretations, and innovative programming. The group's program, A Voice in the Wilderness, is a celebration of the music of William Byrd, who died 400 years ago this year. It features Renaissance polyphony by Byrd and his friends Thomas Tallis and Philippe de Monte, alongside contemporary pieces by Kerensa Briggs, Arvo Pärt, and Caroline Shaw.



### OCTOBER

#### 15TH ROCKNOCEROS

**4:00 PM** | Children are especially welcome to this concert by Rocknoceros, which has entertained tens of thousands of fans around the country, performing at Lollapalooza, Austin City Limits, and the Kennedy Center. Since its inception in 2005, Rocknoceros has won ten Washington Area Music Awards and has found its way into the hearts and homes of music-lovers of all ages. This concert promises lots of fun and an opportunity to move around!



### NOVEMBER

#### 30TH CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE FEAST OF ST. ANDREW

**7:30 PM** | One of the crown jewels of the Anglican patrimony, evensong is derived from ancient monastic daily prayer and is a ritual of canticles, prayers, and anthems sung by the St. Andrew's Choir, peppered with beautiful and rarely-sung hymns for the evening. Lasting well under an hour, this service is musically rich and demands little of newcomers. This particular night is a celebration of our feast of title, and will feature music close to the heart of St. Andrew's including an anthem commissioned from composer David Hurd for the parish's fiftieth anniversary.

### DECEMBER

#### 10TH A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR ADVENT

**5:00 PM** | A choral service that suggests glorious images of Oxbridge chapels bathed in candlelight, this Lessons and Carols for Advent will see the St. Andrew's Choir embark on a journey both through the nave and through exciting corners of the repertoire that explores the anticipatory nature of Advent. Lo, he comes...with what rapture! Favorite seasonal hymns will be balanced by a rich choral music list, spanning centuries and continents, as candles glow.

### DECEMBER

#### 17TH KAREN ASHBROOK & FRIENDS: A CELTIC CHRISTMAS

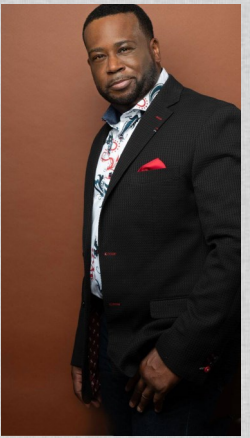
**4:00 PM** | Join us for our annual seasonal celebration with Karen Ashbrook, joined by multi-instrumentalist Paul Oorts, fiddler Andrea Hoag, and vocalist Eileen Estes. These four internationally-known performers have crafted a delightful program of Celtic songs and tunes to celebrate Christmas, winter, and the New Year. Selections include the toe-tapping Wren, the King of the Birds and the tender Irish lullaby Christ in the Manger, set to the beloved melody of Morning Has Broken. The program has a wide selection of traditional and contemporary airs, jigs, and reels from Ireland, Scotland, the Isle of Man, and Brittany.



### JANUARY

#### 14TH PATRICK LUNDY & THE MINISTERS OF MUSIC

**4:00 PM** | This dynamic community choir officially debuted in November 1994 and consists of some of the most outstanding vocalists in the Washington Metropolitan Area, many of whom are ministers of music, choir directors, music educators, soloists and ordained ministers of the gospel. They have accompanied a virtual "Who's Who" in gospel and secular music for a myriad of prestigious events at venues such as the White House, Library of Congress, Washington National Cathedral, The Kennedy Center, at President Barack Obama's inaugural activities, and for the dedication of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial.



### FEBRUARY

#### 18TH CHORAL EVENSONG FOR LENT

**5:00 PM** | The glorious evensong tradition returns along with the St. Andrew's Choir, but this time with music that reminds us that there are many complex flavors to our church calendar and to our music history. Lent is not necessarily sad, but it is introspective; in a world when most evensongs are festal and loud, join us for a night to "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest," the choir leading us in prayer.

### APRIL

#### 21ST MONICA BERNEY, ORGANIST

**4:00 PM** | A true star among young classical musicians, Monica Berney, née Czausz, has made a name for herself as one of the finest organists on the scene today. Known for her technical mastery, effortless musicality, and engaging stage presence, she has been inspiring audiences from coast to coast with "artistic mastery far beyond her years" (The American Organist). Ms. Berney was appointed Director of Music at St. Paul's Parish, K Street (Washington, D.C.) in August 2023.

