

Trinity Lutheran Church

MANHATTAN BEACH

2011–2012 CONCERT SERIES

Sunday, November 20, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

19th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORGAN DEDICATION

PAUL MEIER is Assistant Organist at St. James' Church in Los Angeles and is a Doctoral candidate of Cherry Rhodes at the USC Thornton School of Music, where he received the award for outstanding Master's degree graduate in organ. Before his appointment at St. James', Paul was Organist of Bel Air Presbyterian Church.

Suggested donation \$12 / \$5 students

Hors d'oeuvre & dessert reception with the artist follows

Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

QUADRE ~ *The Voice of Four Horns*

Nathan Pawelek, Daniel Wood, Amy Jo Rhine, Lydia Van Dreel

Award-winning ensemble of virtuosic French horn masters based in Mountain View CA has performed over 1000 concerts, lectures, and workshops throughout the United States. Their program will include seasonal favorites.

Suggested donation \$15 / \$5 students

Hors d'oeuvre & dessert reception with the artists follows

Sunday, December 18, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS RECITAL

KARLA DEVINE is Organist, Director of the Adult and Children's Choirs at Trinity Lutheran Church, Manhattan Beach, and Artistic Director of its concert series.

Freewill donation

Sunday, March 25, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

HYMN FESTIVAL led by **MICHAEL BURKHARDT**

Michael Burkhardt, known for his creative hymn improvisations, is in frequent demand as a leader of hymn festivals. He is currently Director of Worship and the Arts for Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Livonia, Michigan, and for the Southeast Michigan Synod of the ELCA. He also is Artistic Director of the Detroit Handbell Ensemble.

Freewill donation — Hors d'oeuvre & dessert reception follows

Sunday, April 29, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Annual Spring Choral Concert

ALCHYMEY Vocal Ensemble

Kory Reid countertenor, **N. Lincoln Hanks** tenor and director

Joel Nesvadba baritone, **Jinyoung Jang** bass

Inspired by a fifteenth-century treatise that describes four alchemists' attempt to produce gold, **Alchymey** is a vocal ensemble wholly dedicated to the quest for what is beautiful, veritable, and powerful in music.

Suggested donation \$15 / \$5 students

Hors d'oeuvre & dessert reception with the artists follows

Sunday, May 20, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

THIES CONSORT — Pianist **ROBERT EDWARD THIES** and Friends

The **Thies Consort** draws on Southern California's premier ensemble artists to perform innovative and unique programming with musical continuity based on a style, composer, or other concept.

Suggested donation \$15 / \$5 students

Hors d'oeuvre & dessert reception with the artists follows

Bach's Lunch Recitals

First Fridays — October 2011 – June 2012 — 12:15–12:45 p.m.

Free, donations welcome — Box lunches available following the performances

Friday, October 7, 2011 at 12:15 p.m.

RAY URWIN is Director of Music and Organist of St. Francis Episcopal Church in Palos Verdes Estates. He graduated from Oberlin Conservatory, earned his Master's degree in Orchestral Conducting from SUNY Stony Brook, and his Doctorate in Organ Performance from Yale University.

Friday, November 4, 2011 at 12:15 p.m.

NAMHEE HAN is the resident organist at Westwood Presbyterian Church. She holds Master's and Doctoral degrees in organ performance from UCLA. Namhee has been a featured artist at National and Regional Conventions of the American Guild of Organists and performs in the major organ venues throughout the Southland.

Friday, December 2, 2011 at 12:15 p.m.

MELISSA MCINTOSH-LANDIS soprano, **TIMOTHY DURKOVIC** piano
Soprano **Melissa McIntosh-Landis** is a sought-after recitalist, concert soloist, and opera singer. She earned her Doctorate at the USC Thornton School of Music. Pianist **Timothy Durkovic**, who also studied at USC, is Gold Medal winner at the Liszt International Competition.

Friday, January 6, 2012 at 12:15 p.m.

Montréal-based duo pianists **ELIZABETH** and **SONYA SCHUMANN** have individually won leading international piano competitions and awards including the Bösendorfer International Piano Competition, the Pacific International Piano Competition, and the Irving S. Gilmore Award (Elizabeth); the Bartók-Kabelevsky-Prokofiev Competition and the Williamsburg Symphony Concerto Competition (Sonya).

Friday, February 3, 2012 at 12:15 p.m.

Songs & Arias by Leonard Bernstein

SUSAN DIETZ soprano, **VICTORIA KIRSCH** piano

Soprano **Susan Dietz** has sung with San Francisco Opera, Orange County Opera, Long Beach Opera, the Los Angeles Master Chorale, the South Bay Master Choral, and the Oregon Bach Festival. Susan has been the resident soloist at historic Wayfarers Chapel for 25 years.

Friday, March 2, 2012 at 12:15 p.m.

GUILLAUME SUTRE violin and **NEAL STULBERG** piano

Renowned UCLA Professors **Guillaume Sutre** and **Neal Stulberg** have embarked on a grand project of performing all of Mozart's masterpieces for violin and piano on a three-concert series in UCLA's Schoenberg Hall and then on a European concert tour. They'll share highlights in an extended "Super" Bach's Lunch Recital.

Friday, April 6, 2012 at 12:15 p.m.

TRE COLORE TRIO

NORA CHIANG piano, **STIRLING TRENT** violin, **JOO LEE** cello

Santa Monica College faculty pianist **Nora Chiang** trained at Juilliard, the New England Conservatory of Music, and the USC Thornton School of Music. She is joined by cellist **Joo Lee**, who earned her Bachelor's degree at the New England Conservatory of Music and her Master's degree at USC under Ronald Leonard, and by violinist **Stirling Trent**, a graduate of Juilliard under Itzhak Perlman and currently doctoral candidate of Midori at USC.

Friday, May 4, 2012 at 12:15 p.m.

STEVEN VANHAUWAERT piano

Grand-Prize winner of the 2004 Los Angeles International Liszt Competition, Belgian pianist **Steven Vanhauwaert** earned his Master's degree from the Royal Conservatory in Brussels and continued his graduate studies at the USC Thornton School, where he won the USC Concerto Competition. Steven is a two-time Beverly Hills Auditions Winner and frequent pianist on the acclaimed Jacaranda series.

Friday, June 1, 2012 at 12:15 p.m.

JAMES TAULBEE organ

Organist-Choirmaster **James Taulbee** is the new Director of Music and Organist of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Westwood. James graduated from Westminster Choir College with degrees in Church Music and Organ Performance and holds a Master's degree in Organ Performance from USC.

Over please, for the Manhattan Beach Saturday "Previews" Recitals

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Under the Artistic Direction of Laura Schmieder, talented rising artists from Southern California and around the world are selected at the Beverly Hills Auditions and presented monthly in the intimate and acoustically superb sanctuary of Trinity Lutheran Church, Manhattan Beach. From January through June, the concerts are repeated the next day on the *Music In The Mansion* recital series in the City of Beverly Hills' historic Greystone Mansion.

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Saturday, September 10, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.
The Previews 10-Year Anniversary Opening Concert

Ten years ago, New York-based Pianist KARINÉ POGHOSYAN performed the second concert of the then-new "Previews" series. Since then, she graduated from CSUN and went on to earn her Master's degree and Doctorate in record time at the Manhattan School of Music, where she is now on its distinguished faculty. Along the way, Kariné won the CSUN Symphony Concerto Competition, New West Symphony Discovery Artists Competition, the Thousand Islands International Piano Competition, the Artists International Auditions.

Saturday, October 15, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

Soprano HEATHER REITHMEIER and baritone RYAN REITHMEIER made their Renee & Henry Segerstrom Hall debut with the Pacific Symphony as soloists for Fauré's Requiem. Both are graduates of Concordia College, Moorhead MN, OperaWorks, and SongFest, hold Master's degrees from CSUF, and are on the vocal faculty of Vanguard University in Costa Mesa.



Saturday, November 19, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

QUINTESSENTIAL WINDS



Katherine Cox flute, Maralynne Mann oboe,
Mark Alpizar clarinet, Elizabeth Gutierrez bassoon,
Adrian Dunker horn

The Quintessential Winds, formed as the University Wind Quintet at California State University, Long Beach, are featured on the Musician's Roster of the Los Angeles Arts Commission.

and VIENTOS TRIO

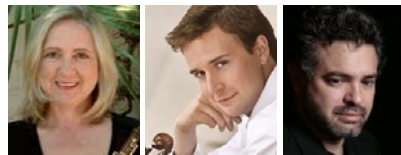


Ryan Zwahlen oboe
Jennifer Stevenson clarinet
Michael Kreiner bassoon

Members of the Vientos Trio hold Doctorates from UCLA (Ryan) and USC (Jennifer) and a Master of Music from the Manhattan School of Music (Michael).

Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Catherine Del Russo oboe, Victor De Almeida viola,
and Bryan Pezzone piano, share their passion for
chamber music with the audience.



Saturday, February 25, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

"Svetlana Smolina, an outstanding Russian pianist with a luxuriant tone"

— Mark Swed, Los Angeles Times



SVETLANA SMOLINA has performed in recitals and as concerto soloist with orchestras worldwide including the Mariinsky Philharmonic at Carnegie Hall, New York Philharmonic at Avery Fischer Hall, St. Petersburg Philharmonic, *Orchestra National de France*, with *iPalpiti* in Walt Disney Concert Hall.

Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

"A diamond among voices" — Times of London

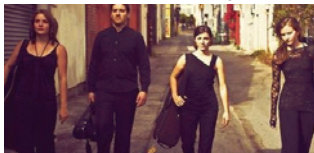
Born in Belarus and based in Tel Aviv, countertenor SLAVA KAGAN-PALEY completed his post-diploma vocal training at the Guildhall School in London and has received worldwide acclaim for his recitals, opera roles, and recordings.



Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

HAUSMANN QUARTET

AIANA STRING QUARTET



*Two String Quartets
In-Residence at
San Diego State University*

Yuan Chang cello
Isaac Allen violin
Bram Goldstein violin
Angela Choong viola

Jillian Bloom cello
Mario Andreu viola
Hannah Hurwitz violin
Rosaminda Watson violin

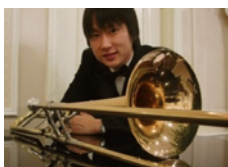
Saturday, May 12, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

FRANCISCO VILA cello
"...an exceptionally talented young cellist and musician. He is heading for an important place in the world of music." — renowned cellist Janos Starker
Francisco Vila studied at Indiana University and is continuing in the Artist Diploma Program at the Queen Elisabeth Music School in Brussels.



Saturday, June 16, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Virtuoso Trombone & Flute Alumni from the USC Thornton School of Music



OHTAE KWON trombone
with Tae Yeon Lim piano

JENNI OLSON flute



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CD No.1 — KARINÉ POGHOSYAN piano



Kariné Poghosyan was born in Armenia and was studying at Cal State Northridge under Françoise Régnat when just one week after the September 11, 2001 tragedy, she performed a truly inspired recital, which she dedicated to the victims. The entire CD is outstanding, and you'll be hard-pressed to find a more heartfelt performance of Beethoven's "Waldstein" sonata. Kariné appeared again on the "Bach's Lunch" series in March, 2003, and performs the opening concert of this season's "Previews." On the CD: Haydn: Sonata in C Major, Hob.XVI:48; Beethoven: Sonata in C Major, Op.53, "Waldstein;" Chopin: Nocturne in C Minor, Op.48 No.1 and Ballade in G Minor, Op.23; Rachmaninoff: *Elegie* in E-flat Minor, Op.3 No.1; Liszt: "Mazeppa" from

Les Etudes d'exécution transcendante.

CD No. 2 — DOUGLAS MASEK saxophone and BRYAN PEZZONE piano

Internationally renowned performer and teacher of the saxophone **Douglas Masek** has performed concertos and solo recitals throughout six continents. Currently, he is Saxophone Professor at UCLA. On the CD: Bruce Broughton's *Remembrance*, Ástor Piazzolla's *Café 1930*, Pedro Iturralde's *Suite Hellenique*, Leonard Bernstein's *A Simple Song*, and Bill Whelan's *Riverdance* (arranged by Eric Schmidt).



CD No. 3 — PAULINE YANG piano



By age 11, award-winning pianist **Pauline Yang** was training at the Juilliard School, debuted with the Philadelphia Orchestra with Chopin's Piano Concerto No.2 and soloed at Carnegie Hall. She has since performed as concerto soloist and recitalist worldwide. Ms. Yang is a scholarship student pursuing a Doctorate at USC under John Perry. On the CD: Bach's *Partita No. 1 in B-flat Major*, Haydn's *Sonata in F Major*, Bach's *Sheep May Safely Graze* (arranged by Egon Petri), Schumann's *Drei Romanzen*, and Rachmaninoff's *Moments Musicaux*.

CD No. 4 — GEETA NOVOTNY mezzo soprano, SOO-YEON PARK CHANG piano

Award-winning mezzo soprano **Geeta Novotny** has performed principal roles with esteemed opera companies and symphony orchestras from the stages of New York City's Carnegie Hall and The Metropolitan Opera House to the stages of the Los Angeles Opera and the Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra. On the CD: selections from Georges Bizet's *Carmen*, Sir Edward Elgar's *Sea Pictures*, Antonín Dvorák's *Zigeunermelodien* (Gypsy Songs), a tribute to Stephen Sondheim including *Somewhere* from *West Side Story*, and a surprise encore.



CD No. 5 — BRONWYN BANERDT cello and DAVID KAPLAN piano



Grand Prize winner of the Los Angeles Philharmonic's Bronislaw Kaper Awards, cellist **Bronwyn Banerdt** has appeared as a soloist with Los Angeles Philharmonic, Houston Symphony, New West Symphony, Symphony in C, and the Young Musicians Foundation Debut Orchestra. Ms. Banerdt earned her Bachelor's Degree at the USC Thornton School of Music, an Artists Diploma at the Curtis Institute of Music, and she is currently pursuing a Master's degree at The Juilliard School. On the CD: Schumann's *Fantasiestücke*, Beethoven's *Cello Sonata in A Major*, Arvo Pärt's *Fratres*, and Grieg's *Cello Sonata in A Minor*.

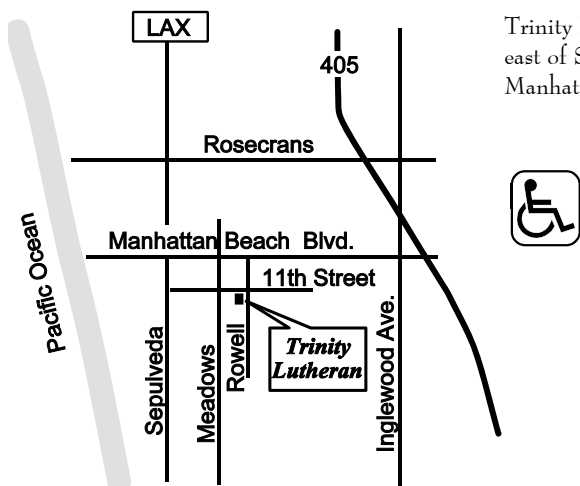
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2011-2012 Concert Series

Dear Friends,

In spite of the troubled economy for the past several years, Trinity Lutheran Church has not cut back on the concert schedule and has continued to schedule top-notch artists. Our ever-growing and faithful audience has continued to contribute generously to the series. Thank you so much!!! For the upcoming season we have sought out the finest artists to be found in Southern California and beyond. We feel that you will be delighted with the quality and variety in our schedule.

The intimate and acoustically superb setting and the excellence of the artists combine to make so many of the concerts truly inspiring and life-affirming experiences. As in past seasons, outreach concerts will be presented at the Manhattan Beach Middle School.

Please join our efforts to present classical music performances in Manhattan Beach. Your financial contribution is essential - freewill donations at the concerts and ticket sales fall far short of meeting expenses, which are almost entirely for the artists. If you're interested in supporting a particular concert, we would be glad to list you as an underwriter of that concert. Many contributors are eager to give in memory or in honor of a loved one. We are glad to list those names as well.

To encourage contributions at higher levels, we are again offering as premiums a choice of select professionally recorded CDs. We've included an envelope for your tax-deductible donation. Concert series contributors are gratefully listed in all of the printed concert programs.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Karla Devine'.

Karla Devine, Artistic Director
Trinity Lutheran Church Concert Series