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THE CIPHER

October 2024

Dear friends,

Happy October! Our program year is off to a great start. Thank you to all who attended our September meeting in Muskegon. It was a lovely evening of fellowship shared between the Grand Rapids and Muskegon/Lakeshore Chapters. As we embark on this year of transition (see last month's newsletter), strengthening the unity of the guild in West Michigan is so important, and our installation service was a positive step in this direction. Special thanks to Michael Match, Eileen Hoogterp, and the Muskegon/Lakeshore Board for their outstanding hospitality, along with Pastor Tim VanderHaar of First Congregational who provided wonderful words of support and encouragement.

This month come and hear James Kibbie in recital at Mayflower Congregational on Monday October 21. Whether or not you support Maize and Blue, it's sure to be a great program! We are pleased to partner with *Mondays at Mayflower*, a vibrant concert series bringing wonderful music to our community. I hope to see you then!

Sincerely,

Matthew Jakubisin, Chapter Dean



September Installation of Officers



**Muskegon-Lakeshore AGO: Juanita Joiner, Ronald Vander West, Eileen Hoogterp, Michael Match
Grand Rapids AGO: Matt Jakubisin, Peter Kurdziel, Chris Witte, David Bading, Rob Hobgood**

On Monday, September 23, The Grand Rapids and Muskegon Lakeshore AGO Chapters held their joint Installation of Officers at the First Congregational Church in Muskegon. The officers for the 2024-25 season are:

Grand Rapids Chapter

Matthew Jakubisin	Dean
Peter Kurdziel	Sub Dean
Chris Witte	Treasurer
Alexis VanZalen	Secretary
David Bading	Member at Large
Barbara Dulmage	Member at Large
Rob Hobgood	Member at Large
Chan Gyu Jang	Member at Large

Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter

Michael Match	Co-Dean
Eileen Hoogterp	Co-Dean
Ron Vander West	Secretary
Juanita Joiner	Treasurer

The Rev. Tim Vander Haar, Senior Minister of First Congregational Church, UCC presided with the reading of Psalm 98 and the rite of Installation. The assembled members of both chapters sang *When In Our Music God is Glorified* to ENGLEBURG and *For The Music of Creation* to RUSTINGTON. The gathering also sang the anthem, *With A Voice of Singing*, by Martin Shaw, directed by Michael Match. The Prelude was "Intermezzo" from *Sonata in A Minor* by Josef Rheinberger, played by Nicholas Palmer. Peter Kurdziel played the Postlude, *Epilogue* by Norman Gilbert.

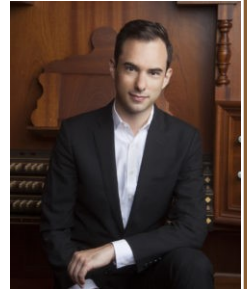
Schedule of Programs 2024-2025

Monday, October 21, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
James Kibbie Organ Recital
Mayflower Congregational Church
2345 Robinson Rd. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506



Monday, November 4, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Annamae Rotman Young Organists Competition
First (Park) Congregational Church
10 East Park Place NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Sunday, December 31, 2024, 7:30 p.m.
New Year's Eve Concert
Central Reformed Church
10 College Avenue N.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503



Christopher Houlihan, Organ

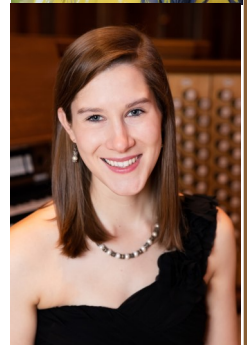
Sunday, January 19, 2025, 3:00 p.m.
Member Recital
Calvin Christian Reformed Church
700 Ethel St. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506

February Program to be announced

Sunday, March 9, 2025, 4:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
508 Franklin Street
Grand Haven, MI 49417
Young Artist Recital: Sarah Simko



Friday, May 16, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
LaGrave Avenue Christian Reformed Church
107 LaGrave Avenue, SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Caroline Robinson Organ Recital

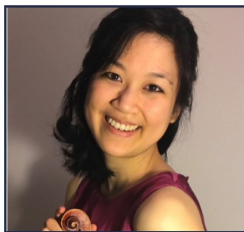




WELCOME TO MONDAYS AT MAYFLOWER

This concert series is an expression of the talents and passions of this Church and is supported by the people of Mayflower as an offering to our community and beyond. We welcome all who come through our doors and pride ourselves in offering affordable live music by local and international musicians featuring the finest repertoire. We invite you to consider being a Friend of Mondays at Mayflower by contributing to the season. More information is included in this brochure.

Welcome to this sacred space. May your lives be enriched, your imaginations expanded and your spirits filled. —Dr. Julia Brown, Director of Music and Organist



**October 7 | 7pm
CASTALIA
QUARTET**

*Mary Scanlan, piano;
Jenna Buchner and
Letitia Jap, violin;
Leslie VanBecker,
viola; Alicia Eppinga,
cello*

Castalia was formed in 2009 by local women instrumentalists dedicated to performing music by women composers from the Classical Era to the present. The program includes music of Amy Beach, Nadia Boulanger and Florence Price.



**October 14 | 7pm
AN EVENING OF
ORATORIO AND
ART SONG**
Bass-baritone,
Benjamin Clements
sings a concert in
memory of Bill Potts
Julia Brown, piano

Ben has sung roles in Puccini, Bizet, Gounod and Alban Berg operas and has been heard on stages in New York, Floria, Santa Fe, and most recently in a performance of Handel's Messiah at Calvin College here in Grand Rapids. Ben's rich and resonant voice will fill the atrium with the sounds of Schumann, Mendelsohn, Bach, Finzi and more.



**October 21 | 7pm
JAMES KIBBIE
Organist**

Professor Emeritus at the University of Michigan, James Kibbie plays with consummate clarity, brilliance and grandeur. Internationally renowned, he has a brilliant technique and outstanding musicianship. James Kibbie maintains a full schedule of concert, recording and festival engagements throughout North America and Europe, including appearances at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, Royal Festival Hall in London, Dvorak Hall in Prague and Lincoln Center in New York.



This concert is in collaboration with the Grand Rapids Chapter of the American Guild of Organists



**October 28 | 7pm
IRISH
TRADITIONAL
MUSIC**
Eliot Grasso and
Adam Hendey

Eliot Grasso (pipes, flute, whistle) and Adam Hendey (guitar, voice) perform material from their newly released Breathe Blue album, a lively and introspective recording of Irish traditional music.



**November 18 | 7pm
TO BE DVOŘÁK!**
Clara Lyon, violin;
Hannah Collins, cello;
Sookkyung Cho,
piano

Beginning their 4th Season, GV Piano Chamber Series returns to Mayflower with a program exploring the timeless beauty of Dvořák's Piano Trio in G minor and his influence of Schubert's Piano Trio in B-flat major.

Come at 6:15 for a Pre-Concert conversation.



This concert is in collaboration with Grand Valley Piano Chamber Series

**For more details on concerts, visit
MayflowerChurch.org/concerts**

**Join us for the Spring 2025
Mondays at Mayflower series:**

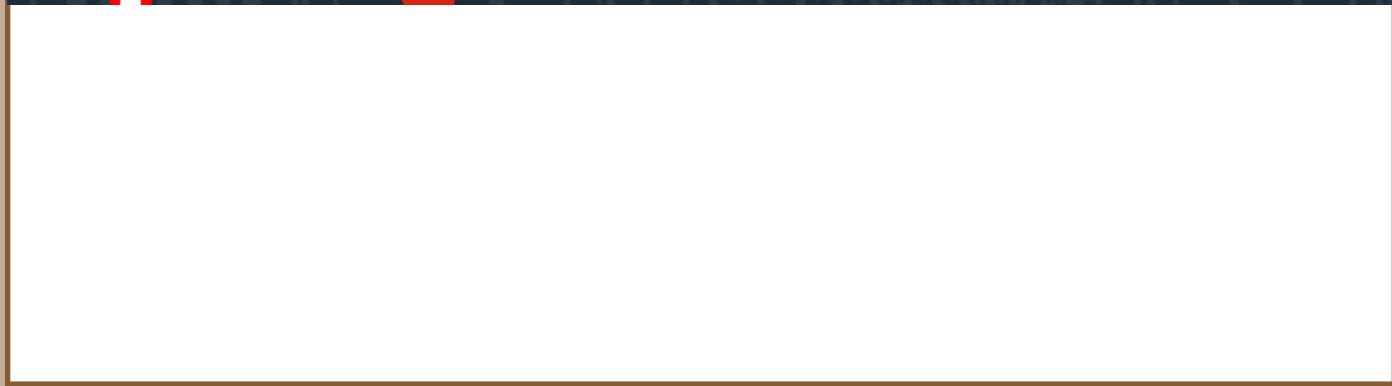
LENT BY CANDLELIGHT combines a light meal at 6:30 followed by gentle music in the atrium, providing stillness and peace on Monday evenings in Lent. March 10, 17, 24 and April 7.

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

An organ recital featuring sacred music written and arranged by living composers from around the world.

Saturday, October 12, 2024 | 7:00pm

Matthew Jakubisin, Organist
Cathedral of Saint Andrew
215 Sheldon Blvd. SE, Grand Rapids





Voctave

Sunday,
October 13
7:30pm

Tickets
\$25.00

Students
\$10.00



In Concert @ Park Church
10 East Park PI NE, Grand Rapids

FIRST (PARK) CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
10 EAST PARK PLACE
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503

music at midday

concert schedule

FALL 2024

October 8

Rhonda Edgington, organ

October 15

Robert Edwards, classical piano

October 22

Dr. Chris Dekker, organ

October 29

Judy VanderWeg, cello
 Robert Byrens, piano

November 5

Julia Brown, organ

November 12

Roger MacNaughton, piano
 Steve Anzivino, bass
 Charlie Hoats, drums

November 19

River Rogues, dixieland band

November 26

Karen Albert, alto
 Schyler Claypool, soprano

December 3

Caledonia Choralaires
 Kara Stevens, conductor

a free community
 concert series
 on Tuesdays
 in downtown
 Grand Rapids

Fall 2024

October 8
 through
 December 3

All concerts begin
 at 12:15 and are
 free of charge.

Lunch is \$7.00 per person
 and is served from 11:15-1:15

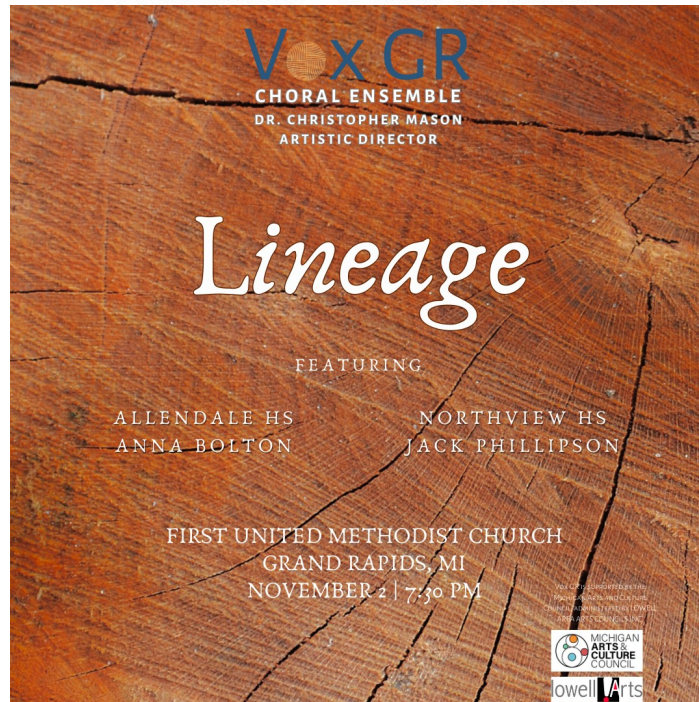
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CHORAL ENSEMBLE



NOVEMBER 2nd | LINEAGE

A Journey Through Musical Heritage

Experience a rich tapestry of vocal traditions in our upcoming concert, *Lineage*. This program traces the fascinating evolution of choral music, from the ancient simplicity of Gregorian chant to the robust harmonies sung by early American colonists. Explore the powerful legacy of African American vocal music, from spirituals to the innovative harmonies of modernists Zanaida Robles, Ayanna Woods, and Derrick Skye.

As a special treat, we're thrilled to welcome guest choirs from Allendale and Northview High Schools, showcasing the next generation of vocalists. Their youthful energy will blend with our professional ensemble, creating a multi-generational celebration of choral artistry.

Join us for an evening that not only honors our musical roots but also looks to the future, demonstrating how these diverse vocal lineages continue to inspire and influence choral music today.

November 2nd 7:30pm
 First United Methodist Church
 227 Fulton Street East
 Grand Rapids

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