

MUSICAT THE RED DOOR

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Dear Music Lover,

As our world emerges from pandemic conditions, we have much to celebrate with the return of live music during the past season. A major highlight was having 270 in attendance for our annual Lessons & Carols service, featuring the **St. John's Choir School & Adult Choir** singing together for the first time since March 2020. Welcoming such eager audiences has underscored for us the necessity of great music for providing solace and inspiration, especially during hard times.

The 2022-2023 season is planned and ready! Building on St. John's strengths of wonderful acoustics, the magnificent Austin organ, and a strong choral music tradition, we will present a new slate of organists at the **Pipes Alive!** series of half-hour recitals, regular **Choral Evensong** experiences with our own choirs and guests, the beloved **Festival of Lessons & Carols**, and a **choir and orchestra** concert featuring the Fauré *Requiem* and Saint-Saëns *Organ Symphony* performed with the Farmington Valley Symphony. Our jazz and chamber music series features the return of **Nat Reeves & Friends**, the **Boyd Meets Girl** duo, and what promises to be an electrifying concert by the Grammy[™]-winning **Catalyst String Quartet**. Three concerts by our ensemble-in-residence, the **New World Trio**, round out a full year of beauty and grace – our gift to the surrounding community.

We also are very excited about the **Kids' Community Music Camp**, a week-long day camp that invites a diverse group of children to explore the joys of music at St. John's by learning to sing, play violin, dance, and drum. The camp takes place in August, and is a natural extension of the St. John's Choir School, fostering music, leadership, and faith in a supportive community.

As we approach the new season, we are very grateful for the generosity of our supporters. Your generous donation will help us continue to open our red doors to people of all ages in need of refreshment and inspiration.

We hope to see you at all of our Music at the Red Door events!

Karan M. Emerick

Karan Emerick, President

Scott Lamlein, Artistic Director

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Annual pledges / donations to St. John's support the regular worship music program, including salaries for the music staff (Director of Music, choral scholars, instrumentalists), purchase of printed music, care of the pipe organ and instruments, and funding of the Youth Choir program.

Music at the Red Door donations support the concert series, which engages and enriches our community through music programs and concerts that promote St. John's as a center for music and arts, along with music education for area children.