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Dear Friends,

Thanks to our generous supporters, Music at the Red Door has navigated through a global pandemic and we are once again sharing free live performances, sponsoring educational opportunities, and connecting with our community through the gift of music.

We kick off the 2023–2024 season in September with an evening of music and dance! **Dreams: A Musical Journey with Afro-Cuban Inspired Jazz, Dance, & Drums** is a celebration of local culture and talent that's sure to entice concertgoers of all ages. Fans of our annual jazz concert will delight in a program from **The Mary DiPaola Quartet**, featuring the talented Mary DiPaola on piano with a trio from within our local jazz community. The highly acclaimed **New World Trio** returns as our ensemble-in-residence, offering three programs of masterfully reinterpreted classical music. And once again we will welcome Hartford Symphony's own **Leonid Sigal and Friends** for an evening of exhilarating chamber music.

With its exceptional Austin organ, superb acoustics, richly decorated interior, and quality choral program, St. John's is the perfect setting for live music. Returning this season are the **Pipes Alive!** organ recital series, **Choral Evensong** services with the St. John's choirs and guests, and the revered **Candlelight Festival of Lessons & Carols** — a cherished and beautiful way to find respite in the busy Christmas season. Offering an opportunity for music and reflection, this season's **Choral Music for the Soul** concert showcases Dan Forrest's *Requiem for the Living* presented by the St. John's choirs and renowned Trinity College Organist Christopher Houlihan.

**The Kids' Community Music Camp** in August will again bring summer excitement to local youth. This week-long day camp engages a diverse group of children in singing, violin, drums, and dance. A natural extension of the St. John's Choir School, the camp cultivates creativity within a fun and supportive community.

Approaching our 2023–2024 season, we are very grateful for our dedicated 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!

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