



*The Greater Bridgeport Chapter of the
American Guild of Organists
and the Connecticut Chapter of the
American Choral Directors Association
presents*

The 3rd Community
Choral Festival
Sunday, March 30, 4:00 PM

*Featuring voices from area choirs combined
as a single Massed Choir performing
favorite anthems and hymns to benefit
Norma F. Esriem Urban Outreach Initiatives*

United Congregational Church
877 Park Avenue & State Street, Bridgeport, CT

Program

- Prelude — Cortège et Litanie** -Marcel Dupré
Frank Zilinyi, organist
- Welcome, About Our Program**
Rev. Sara D. Smith, Esq., John Polo
- Improvisation—Praise to the Living God—Tune: Diademata**
Dr. John Michniewicz, organist
- *Processional Hymn #8 (black hymnal) - Praise to the Living God** -George Elvey
Galen Tate, director; Dr. John Michniewicz, organist
- Cantique de Jean Racine—Massed Choir** -Gabriel Fauré
Tom Brand, director; Dr. John Michniewicz, organ
- Word, equal to the Almighty, our only hope,
Eternal light of the earth and the Heavens;
We break the peaceful night's silence,
Divine Saviour, cast your eyes upon us!*
- Spread the fire of your mighty grace upon us
May the entire hell flee at the sound of your voice;
Disperse from any slothful soul the drowsiness
Which induces it to forget your laws!*
- Oh Christ, look with favour upon this faithful people
Which has now gathered to bless you.
Receive its singing, offered to your immortal glory,
And may it leave with the gifts you have bestowed upon it!*
- How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place—Massed Choir** -Johannes Brahms
Dr. John Michniewicz, director, Frank Zilinyi, organ
- One Thing Remains —Norma Pfriem Children's Choir (NPCC)** -Jay Rouse
Dr. John Michniewicz, director
- We Rise Again -United Congregational Church Chancel and NPCC Choirs** -Gogol Bordello
Becky Craig, soprano soloist, Dr. John Michniewicz, director
- *Hymn #32 (black hymnal) – God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale** -Carl Schlak
David Harris, organ
- Blessed Assurance, Mighty to Save, Let it Rise – Nichols United Methodist Church**
Praise Team - Janette Pond, song leader, Gregory Horton, director/accompanist
- Let Us Love One Another from Three Epistle Motets** -Paul Nicholson
Velum templi
St. Theresa Church Petite Choir – Dr. Carolina Flores, director

- *Hymn #21 (black hymnal) - God Reigns o'er All the** -Traditional
Dr. Aymeric Dupré la Tour, organ
- Offering for Outreach/Special Thanks**
Rev. Sara D. Smith, Esq., John Polo
- O' Clap Your Hands—Massed Choir** -John Rutter
Dr. Carolina Flores, conductor; Galen Tate, organ
- Praise His Holy Name—Massed Choir** -Keith Hampton
Frank Martignetti, conductor; David Harris, piano
- Spiritual Medley** -arr. Dr. Joe Utterback
Dr. Joe Utterback, piano
- God Bless America – Vocal Joy (United Girls Choir)** -arr. Tom Brand
Tom Brand, director
- Recessional Hymn #17 (black hymnal) - To You, O God, All Creatures Sing**
Dr. John Michniewicz, conductor, Galen Tate, organ -Geistliche Kirchengeson
- Postlude – Toccata from Suite, Op. 5** *(please stay seated)* -Maurice Duruflé
Dr. Aymeric Dupré la Tour, organ

***for those able, please stand**

Please join us directly after the concert in the Pilgrim Hall for a reception.

Special Thank You

The choral directors, musicians, singers, and our Greater Bridgeport American Guild of Organists (AGO) chapter and the Connecticut Chapter of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) want to thank you for joining us today. We are thrilled to use our voices to bring awareness to the needs of urban outreach.

We want to thank the many volunteers that brought food and helped behind the scenes preparing our many choirs for this performance today.

Thank you to the staff at the United Congregational Church, Pascale Millien-Faust, for the endless music copies and program production, to Heidi Vanderwal for organizing the reception, Garth Trotto for sound and riser setup, Becky Dickinson for rehearsal setup, and Eric Gramse for scheduling rooms and sextons to help with security, parking, and building use.

Net proceeds from today's concert will benefit the Norma F. Pfriem Urban Outreach Initiatives (NP UOI), bringing hope to our community. If you would like to help as a volunteer for one of our many programs please see Rev. Eleanor McCormick, Executive Director of NP UOI, eleanor.mccormick@npuoi.org, Rev. Sara Smith, revsara.smith@uccbridgeport.org, or call 203.335.3107. Visit us at www.npuoi.org and Like Us on Facebook.

Our Directors and Musicians

Tom Brand - Organist and Choir Master of St. John's Episcopal Church, Bridgeport, and Founder and Artistic Director of the United Choir School and Elm City Girls' Choir. info@unitedchoir.com.

Dr. Carolina Flores - Director of Music for St. Theresa RC Church, Trumbull, Assistant Professor of Music at Manchester Community College, CT, artist teacher at Hartt School of Music, University of Hartford, directing the Hartt Chorale; and the President of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Choral Director Association (ACDA) cflores19@cox.net.

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David Harris – Director of Music, Saint Thomas Aquinas RC Church, Fairfield; Music Director for shows at venues throughout Fairfield County; Recitalist; Entertainer. www.davidharrisproductions.com

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Dr. John Michniewicz – Minister of Music, United Congregational Church, Bridgeport; Director of Choral Programs, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield; Recitalist; Composer; Choral Conductor; Past-Dean, Greater Bridgeport Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Michniewiczj@sacredheart.edu

Galen Tate – Director of Music, Saint Thomas More Church, Darien; Assistant Director of Choral Programs, Accompanist and Adjunct Professor of Music at Sacred Heart University; Recitalist. galentate@aol.com.

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Frank Zilinyi – Director of Music, Saint Mary's Church, Milford; Accompanist for the Connecticut Chamber Choir; concert artist performing throughout the USA and Germany. fzilinyi@gmail.com

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*Our performance team are members of the **American Guild of Organists (AGO)** and most are also members of the **American Choral Directors Association (ACDA)**. Both of these national organizations of which we're part of at the state and county level have respective missions, to inspire excellence in performance of the organ and choral music through education, composition, and advocacy.*

Participating Choirs

Our Massed Choir is represented by singers from the following groups, Choral Directors and Church Musicians:

United Congregational Church, Bridgeport – Dr. John Michniewicz

Norma Pfriem Children's Choir at United Congregational – Dr. John Michniewicz

Connecticut Chamber Choir, Trumbull – Constance Chase

First Church Congregational Stratford – Dr. Joe Utterback

Golden Hill United Methodist Church, Bridgeport – Dan Pettit

First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield – Laurie Birch

Stratford United Methodist Church – Rev. Margaret Williams

Greenfield Hill Congregational Church, Fairfield – Sandra Shaw Murphy

St. Theresa RC Church, Trumbull—Dr. Carolina Flores

Nichols United Methodist Church, Trumbull – Gregory Horton

St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Fairfield – David Harris

Christ Episcopal Church, Stratford – Dorothy Cameron

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Huntington – Bernadette Aubin Allan

Monroe Congregational Church – Jane E. Allen

First Church Congregational Fairfield – Dr. Aymeric Dupre la Tour

Vocal Joy—United Girls Choir, New Haven—Tom Brand

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Milford—Dr. Stuart Paul Duncan

St. Mary's RC Church, Milford – Frank Zilinyi

Trumbull Congregational Church – Adam Podd

St. Emery RC Church, Fairfield—Anthony Procaccini

Stratford Sister Cities—Jeffrey Leinen

St. John's Episcopal Church, Bridgeport—Tom Brand