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Grace and Peace to You!

It is wonderful to be able to share with you our plans for Music from St. Mark's for the coming year. Our Core Vocation is to Feed San Antonio With the Bread

St. Cecilia Guild

Supporting the St. Mark's Choir and music ministries for over twenty-five years

of Life. This undergirds all of our ministry and reminds us that as a faith community we are called beyond ourselves to share that which we receive with others. We do this by being a transformational presence in our city - feeding those who long for something nourishing to their souls.

Music allows us to experience beauty in a special way. Especially in the past eighteen months, we have become more aware than ever of the healing role of the arts. We recognize the importance of music as

St. Mark's enjoys a great tradition of music in worship and in concert. Choirs include children and youth of all ages, adult volunteers, staff singers, and choral scholars (high school and college students who commit to spending a year of musical formation in the St. Mark's music program). Together they provide music for the many services that are offered throughout the year.

integral to our wellbeing and the power it has to lift us to a more transcendent place.

Regardless of our different beliefs, music unites us through a shared experience. We have been able for many years to provide this free of charge to our community and, thanks to the ongoing generosity of St. Cecilia Guild, this continues. I hope you will join us and invite your friends! We pray it is a blessing to you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beth +". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Rev.
Elizabeth C. Knowlton
Rector

Music from St. Mark's is supported by the generosity of individuals who believe strongly in the power of music as transformative and vital to our community. We welcome your support, joining others at the following levels:

Sponsor | \$5,000 +
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Angel | \$500 - \$999
Benefactor | \$100 - \$499
Patron | \$50 - \$99
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Greetings!

I am delighted to announce our 2021-2022 season of Music from St. Mark's, offering a variety of music for everyone ranging from Choral Evensong

and Lessons and Carols, to Baroque concerts and contemporary music. Our beautiful gothic space and Austin/Kegg pipe organ provide a wonderful setting for performers from our local community, universities, and around the globe. All are welcome and warmly invited to enjoy the musical offerings this season.

In addition to the series, St. Mark's offers the beauty of music and creativity each week during 9:00 and 11:15 am services. The St. Mark's choirs sing music that spans centuries from chant and Tudor motets to traditional

Anglican cathedral repertoire and new compositions by living composers. Please visit Stmarks-sa.org/music/ for the current listing of service music. As we look forward to offering great music at St. Mark's, plans are underway for a choir pilgrimage abroad in the summer of 2023.

The Music Series is made possible through generous gifts from members and music supporters in San Antonio to the St. Cecilia Guild. Your support allows St. Mark's to sustain a broader artistic and spiritual outreach to the community.

Jon Johnson
Director of Music and
Organist



10.10

Evensong +
Graham Schultz, organ
The St. Mark's Choir
4:30 recital | 5pm Evensong

"... the Vierne roared and thundered, ... the Tournemire movements were served up with delicate colors." - Dallas Morning News

Recital by Graham Schultz, faculty member at Southern Methodist University and associate director of music at the Church of the Incarnation, Dallas.



11.7

Evensong +
Mark Pacoe, organ
The St. Mark's Choir
4:30 recital | 5pm Evensong

Featuring the world premiere of *Ctrl+Alt+Del* by Austin Philemon.

Recital by Mark Pacoe, artistic director of East River Catholics and director of music and organist at St. John Nepomucene and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini in Manhattan and Roosevelt Island.



11.14

Alamo Baroque presents
Olmos Ensemble
Second Sunday Series

Olmos Ensemble is joined by St. Mark's Samuel Gaskin at the keyboard to present a program of chamber music including Sonatas by Handel, Vivaldi, and Telemann and the intriguing *Rustiques* by Joseph Canteloube.



12.12

Christmas Pops
Dr. Brett Richardson, conductor

The Christmas Pops concert is a highlight of the Advent Season for the whole family, featuring many of San Antonio's finest brass and percussion performers and Jon Johnson, organist. Highlights include *Sleigh Ride*, scenes from *The Nutcracker*, and a special appearance by St. Mark's own Rev. Beth Knowlton as narrator in *'Twas the night before Christmas!*



12.19

A Festival of
Nine Lessons and Carols
in the style of King's College with the combined St. Mark's choirs

Join St. Mark's in the enduring and beloved Anglican tradition of King's College Cambridge shared by millions around the world since 1918 - readings, carols, hymns, and anthems telling of the promise of the Messiah and the birth of Jesus.



1.9

Second Sundays with
SOLI Chamber Ensemble

SOLI Chamber Ensemble presents the contemporary classical music of our time including works by Malcolm Forsythe, Carlos Simon, Aaron Jay Kernis, and selections from Scott Ordway's *The Clearing and the Forest*.



2.13

Janette Fishell
in concert on the
St. Mark's organ

"... for Fishell to have played (Liszt's homage to Bach) marks a level of virtuosity that stuns the listener." - Herald-Times

Janette Fishell, Chair of the Organ Department, Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University, will bring joy to both audiences and performers alike with a featured recital on the historic St. Mark's Austin-Kegg pipe organ Sunday February 13 and a special class on Church Music Skills Saturday February 12 at 10:00 am.



3.13

Alamo Baroque presents
Ars Lyrica
featuring the music of
Johann Sebastian Bach

"The leader among Houston's early music ensembles"
- Houston Chronicle

Alamo Baroque and St. Mark's are pleased to welcome our friends from Houston directed by Matthew Dirst for a special afternoon of early music. From the *B-minor Overture to Brandenburg Concerto No. 5* and "Ich habe genung", delight in the sounds and spirit of a master shared in the sacred space of historic St. Mark's.



3.27

Evensong +
Nicole Keller, organ
The St. Mark's Choir
4:30 recital | 5pm Evensong

"... an aggressive player with outstanding technique and fine musical sensibilities..."
- The Chicago Crusader

Recital by Nicole Keller, associate organist at Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, and faculty member at Baldwin Wallace University Conservatory of Music.



4.10

Passiontide Lessons and Carols
featuring the St. Mark's Treble Choir and Chamber Singers

The last week of Jesus' life is retold in story and song. Begin your Holy Week journey with Lessons and Carols for Passiontide: a service of scripture, poetry, and anthems sung by the St. Mark's Treble Choir and Chamber Singers, along with hymn singing for the entire congregation.



5.8

Spring Concert
featuring the St. Mark's choirs with orchestra

The St. Mark's Choirs present praises of the season with music from the great British Isles. Highlights include *Rejoice in the Lamb* by Benjamin Britten, *A hymn for St. Cecilia* by Herbert Howells, and *God is gone up with a triumphant shout* by Gerald Finzi.



A word about

Evensong +
Recitals at 4:30pm | Evensong at 5:00pm

The practice of singing evening prayers is as old as the church itself. The Anglican service of Evening Prayer was a result of the joining of two of the ancient monastic offices—Vespers and Compline—into one service. Evensong is sung daily in many cathedrals and parish churches throughout the Anglican Communion—at any given moment, someone is offering up a voice of sung prayer.

Evensong + enhances the Music from St. Mark's offerings, joining the ancient tradition of sung prayer with an extended prelude of beauty and creativity. Guest artists from around the country will present brief recitals beginning at 4:30pm on selected Sundays. We invite you to join us in our hallowed space for an extra few minutes of tranquility and peace.

All events are free and begin at 5:00pm unless otherwise noted.

Free parking is located in the church lot on Jefferson Street between Martin and Pecan Streets.

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October 10 | Evensong + with Graham Schultz

November 7 | Evensong + with Mark Pacoe

November 14 | Alamo Baroque presents Olmos Ensemble

December 12 | Christmas Pops

December 19 | Nine Lessons and Carols

January 9 | SOLI Chamber Ensemble

February 13 | Janette Fishell

March 13 | Alamo Baroque presents Ars Lyrica

March 27 | Evensong + with Nicole Keller

April 10 | Passiontide Lessons and Carols

May 8 | Spring Concert

*Feeding San Antonio with the bread of life
through beauty and creativity*