



Manhattan Piano Trio—September 27, 5:00 p.m.

Hailed by critics for their “beautiful, energetic, brilliant” playing (*Detroit Monitor*) and “life-changing” performances (*Chicago Sun Times*), this dynamic young trio has won a number of prestigious competitions, including the 2006 Plowman Chamber Music Competition. In 2007, the trio was the recipient of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation’s Classic FM Listeners’ Choice Award. Comprised of Juilliard graduates Wayne Lee, violin, Dmitry Kouzov, cello, and Milana Strezeva, piano, the Manhattan Piano Trio makes their Grand Rapids debut.

A Year of Note: Music of Handel, Haydn, Mendelssohn and Purcell—November 8, 5:00 p.m.

2009 is an anniversary year for Henry Purcell (1659–95), George Frederic Handel (1685–1759), Franz-Josef Haydn (1732–1809), and Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47).

This concert will feature the St. Dunstan’s Choir of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, organist and harpsichordist Gregory Crowell, pianist Shaun MacDonald, and a chamber orchestra in works by these four composers, including Handel’s *As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams*. This concert will be a benefit for St. Mark’s Breakfast Café.



Lessons and Carols with the Choir of St. Mark’s—December 13, 5:00 p.m.

A traditional Christmas service of lessons and carols sung by the St.

Dunstan’s Choir of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, under the direction of Gregory Crowell.

Maria Jette, soprano, and Sonja Thompson, piano—January 31, 5:00 p.m.



Familiar to Grand Rapids audiences through her frequent appearances with the Grand Rapids Symphony (as well as on Garrison Keillor’s *Prairie Home Companion*), Maria Jette brings her extraordinarily beautiful voice and exquisite musicianship to St. Mark’s in a program of Latin American music. Joining her will be pianist Sonja Thompson, as well as a chamber ensemble featuring violin, harp, flute, and percussion.



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Thursday, May 20, 8:00 p.m. Music from the Great Cathedrals of England with the Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys, Martin Neary, guest conductor and organist

Grand Valley State University Varsity Men, Charles Norris, conductor, with Kathryn Stieler, soprano—April 11, 5:00 p.m.

GVSU’s premiere men’s vocal ensemble will perform a program of music ranging from musical theater and opera to masterpieces from the Renaissance to the twentieth century.



Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys, Martin Neary, guest conductor and organist—Thursday, May 20, 8:00 p.m.

A program of works drawn from the long and rich tradition of the Great Cathedrals of England, sung by this outstanding choir of men and boys under the direction of Dr. Martin Neary, former Organist and Master of the Choristers of Westminster Abbey.

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