

2024 Friends of Music Concert Series

AN OUTREACH PROGRAM OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CAMDEN

Sunday, March 17 at 4:00 pm



Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with two of New England's finest Celtic musicians, **Alex Cumming & Audrey Jaber**, as they launch their brand new album, *Homecoming*.

Sunday, April 7 at 4:00 pm

Acclaimed guitarist and composer, **Aaron Larget-Caplan**, returns to Camden for an exciting tour-de-force concert celebrating music from his latest albums which have reached over 6-million streams. In particular, you'll hear works by J.S. Bach, various Spanish composers, and Maine composer and Bowdoin faculty member, Vineet Shende, not to mention several works by Larget-Caplan himself.



Sunday, May 19 at 4:00 pm



"Choices in Harmony" is a collection of original music by singer-songwriter, **Jessica Deskin**, that encapsulates the themes of decision-making and resilience while delving deep into the rich tapestry of human emotions. From introspective tunes capturing the vulnerability of uncertainty to triumphant melodies symbolizing the joy of overcoming obstacles, this vocal/piano program explores the full spectrum of feelings associated with life's choices and challenges.

Sunday, June 2 at 4:00 pm

Bobby Jo Valentine's poetic songs and lively stories are like a warm conversation with a good friend who knows you well, loves you dearly, and wants you to be at your best. Bobby's guitar and ukulele accompany thoughtful lyrics about why we're here, what makes us hopeful, and the everyday awakenings of an openhearted life.



Sunday, September 22 at 4:00 pm



Classical by intent and eclectic by content, **Brass Roots Trio's** programs take unexpected twists and turns as they flow from mesmerizing Baroque melodies to decadent tangos of Piazzolla to virtuosic showpieces of Gershwin and Bernstein. And if the pyrotechnic musical fireworks were not enough, the horn player puts down his horn and sings an operatic aria or spiritual with his gorgeous tenor voice.

Sunday, October 6 at 4:00 pm

Named one of 2023's "Young Stars of Maine" by Bay Chamber Music School, soprano **Rosemary Crimp** has sung with UMass Opera and Opera Maine in productions of *Die Fledermaus*, *Le Nozze di Figaro*, *Die Zauberflöte*, *Carmen*, *La Traviata* and many more. She will delight with selections from opera, art song, and musical theater.



Sunday, October 20 at 4:00 pm



A recipient of reviews like "a knock out performance" (*Philadelphia Inquirer*) and "a player of technical command" (*Kansas City Star*), internationally recognized pianist (and Matt's beloved college professor), **Shelly Moorman-Stahlman**, will dazzle with works by Bach, Chopin, Rachmaninoff, and Gershwin.

Friday, December 6 at 12:00 pm

Matt Mainster and friends will present our traditional noontime concert to kick off Christmas By the Sea weekend. A fun, holiday variety show featuring selections for instruments and voice, sure to brighten your lunch break and ignite the Christmas spirit!



All Friends of Music concerts are held in the Church Sanctuary, 55 Elm Street, Camden. These concerts are free and open to the public. Donations to sustain the program are cheerfully accepted at the door or online at camdenucc.org. Visit camdenucc.org, find us on Facebook, or call the church office at 207-236-4821.



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