

2026 FRIENDS OF MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

An Outreach Program of the First Congregational Church of Camden



Sunday, March 8 at 4 pm

Organist **Gail Archer** has traveled the world-over concertizing, with her performances regularly reviewed as “vivid”, “arresting”, and “mesmerizing”. She will present a program of Bach, Schumann, Brahms, Boulanger, and Demessieux, along with selections from her recent CD of Bulgarian organ music. *This concert is sponsored in conjunction with Susan Yoder in memory of Tom Yoder.



Sunday, April 26 at 4 pm

“A modern master of classical guitar” (*20th Century Guitar*), **David Rogers** will present an eclectic program of baroque, classical, Spanish, and North African repertoire, as well as flashy arrangements of modern-day pop music—with humorous stories connecting it all.



Sunday, May 31 at 4 pm

Come experience the orchestral sounds of Midcoast Maine’s five-octave community handbell choir, **Penobscot Bay Ringers**. Popular tunes, beloved hymns, and pieces written expressly for handbells are all part of the mix in this uplifting, memorable afternoon of music. This concert is a benefit for the church’s Shields Fund.



Sunday, September 13 at 4 pm

Alchemy brings a contemporary and innovative feel to both traditional and newly composed tunes and songs. From driving Scottish Reels and gritty French Bourrees to sublime waltzes and sweet Irish jigs, Alchemy’s improvisatory approach promises an immersive and captivating musical experience for all.



Sunday, October 4 at 4 pm

Flutist **Robert Cart**, who has performed under the batons of such luminaries as Bernstein, Leppard, and Zinman, will be joined by Matt Mainster at the piano in a program entitled *The Sound of Hope* in which the flute becomes a voice—singing, laughing, and breathing its way through stories of resilience and joy. From the soulful beauty of Samuel Barber and Jake Heggie to the smoky charm of Claire Vazart and the irresistible groove of Claude Bolling, each piece reminds us that hope will never be silent.



Sunday, October 25 at 4 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 Scarlatti, Mozart, Chopin, Schumann, Rachmaninoff, and Ravel, as well as a duo-piano selection with Matt.



Friday, December 4 at 12 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!

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