

# Music Ministry Report

Chris Garofalo, Director of Music Ministries

November 3, 2015 – The year in review.

**Services** A list is maintained of all music compositions presented in the services throughout the year.

**5:00 Saturday Chapel Service** - classical piano music and volunteer soloists.

**8:30 Sunday Service** - Organ, Piano, Community Singers, Carillon Bells, Women's Ensemble, Volunteer Soloists, Rainbow Dancers and Professional Guest Musicians.

**11:00 Sunday Service** - OnCenter band, Women's Ensemble, Rainbow Dancers and Professional Soloists.

## Volunteer Ensembles

**Community Singers** Chris Garofalo, director. This ensemble has grown to 22 voices. Sings 2-3x month.

**Carillon Bells** Kyle Markwell, director. 12 members + substitutes. Scheduled monthly.

**Women's Ensemble** – Mary Ann Kastner, Director. 10 members. Sings 2x Month.

**Rainbow Dancers** – Donna Pries, director. Scheduled monthly.

**OnCenter Band** – Dave Jenkins, leader. Scheduled weekly 11:00 Sunday.

**Volunteer Soloists** – Scheduled throughout the year: Nate Burke, Mary Elliott, Sean Les, Emily Les, Ellen Bartel, John Pollitt, Rod Jacobs, Toby Elliott, Joline Bastounes.

## Guest Musicians

Professional musicians were scheduled to present music for various services including: Jonita Lattimore, soprano; Roger Birkeland, saxophone; Jen Leckie, violin; Ryan Rump, viola; Tim Archbold, cello; Sharon Chang, violin; Henry Pleas, tenor; Andrew Molina, cello; Michele Lekas, violin; Mark Lekas, cello; Goran Ivanovic, guitar; and Carolyn May, flute; Grant Street Quartet; Jered Montgomery, trumpet. Eric Pidluski, violin.

## Easter and Holy Week

Maundy Thursday – The Life of Christ by Roland Hayes sung by tenor, Henry Pleas with readings by congregation members.

Good Friday – Faure's Requiem – Ecumenical service held at Wesley UMC with CUMC and First Congregational UCC.

Easter Sunday – The Grant Street Quartet and Community Singers

## Instruments and Choir Loft

All 7 pianos have been repaired and tuned regularly: Steinway Model A– Sanctuary. Baldwin Model R - Chapel. Chickering Grand Piano – Parlor which was donated by Clyde Uebele. Upright Pianos: Kawai. Yamaha. Baldwin, Young Chang. The Reuter Pipe Organ had several major repairs: rewired the chimes, 32' stop subwoofer drivers replaced and re-leathered the Bourdon Chest. The Choir Loft was reconfigured with wood chairs and attached music folder baskets.

## Music Library

A database template has been created on MS Access to catalogue all of the music scores. This is a multiyear project to sort, organize and create a searchable database of the music libraries at CUMC.

## Vocal Workshops

Opera singer Jonita Lattimore presented a series of vocal workshops open to all choir, ensemble, and Community members.

## Sunday Musicales - A New Series of Sunday Afternoon Concerts

June 14, 2015 **Mozart's Sister** Megan Wells, actress and Chris Garofalo, piano. Sponsored by Senior Ministry

July 19, 2015 **Grant Street Quartet** – Franz Schubert's String Quintet

September 27, 2015 **Invitation to the Voyage** – Art Songs. Henry Pleas, tenor and Chris Garofalo, piano.

October 25, 2015 **Claude Debussy** Megan Wells, actress and Chris Garofalo, piano. Sponsored by Senior Ministry

## Christmas Eve 2015

Community Singers, OnCenter, Children's solos

Henry Pleas, tenor; Mary Elliott, soprano; Eric Pidluski, violin; Andrew Molina. Cello; organ and piano ensemble works.

The continued growth in the Music Ministry supports the concept that art music provides a transcendent, spiritual experience for the community.

Respectfully submitted,

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