



Rocky River Presbyterian Church

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Autumnal greetings, friends of our Artist Concert Series!

I am delighted to give you, our special friends and benefactors, a preview of the upcoming 2010-2011 season.

We launch this year's season with an annual favorite, **Burning River Brass**. It's an honor to be a preferred venue for this masterful ensemble. They return to our church on Monday, December 20th (that's correct, *Monday* this year) at 7 o'clock p.m. for their concert of classical and Christmas delights. The doors will open for seating for the 7:00 p.m. concert just as soon as they complete their pre-concert rehearsal at approximately 6:40 p.m. We urge you to carpool with your friends and neighbors to alleviate parking congestion.

We welcome in the New Year by welcoming a group of spectacular teenaged singers and dancers from Russia, **Golden Gates**. Golden Gates offers audiences an entertaining and authentic glimpse into Old Russia through lively music, song, and dance, all in authentic native dress. Audiences quickly fall in love with these young talents as they move through a program of gently humorous songs, elaborate lyrical suites, and pulsating dance numbers, all evocative of Russian folklore. It's guaranteed—yes, *guaranteed!*—to appeal to a broad audience. Golden Gates appears in our sanctuary on Sunday, January 9th at 3:30 p.m.

The golden voice of **William Dempsey, baritone** is well-known in the Cleveland area from his work in numerous oratorios as well as solo recitals. During America's Bicentennial year Mr. Dempsey recorded the album "Sounds of America 1776-1976" with the Cleveland Orchestra under conductor Lorin Maazel. Accompanied by collaborative pianist Ms. Berdie d'Albertie on our church's newly-acquired 1927 Steinway piano, Mr. Dempsey will present a concert of ballads, classical and gospel music. This performance will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 13th.

Since he started performing in Cleveland Heights' coffee houses at the age of 13, **folksinger and prolific songwriter Noah Budin** has appeared on the stages of Cleveland's professional and community theatres, in a television commercial for a fast food chain famous for its arches, in public school classrooms to inspire innovation and creativity, and in concert venues across the country. His engaging, humorous, and soulful songs express Noah's personal mission of delivering a musical message of peace and harmony to people of all ages, all races... and yes, all religions (the wife of this Jewish performer happens to be a Presbyterian minister!) On Sunday, May 1st at 3:30 p.m. come hear why the Cleveland Plain Dealer's Sunday Magazine sang his praises in a feature article.

Quite an engaging and varied line-up, wouldn't you say?

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Wouldn't you love to be a part of this fabulous line-up of performances by making a gift to the support this year's season of our Artist Concert Series? Because the mission of our Artist Concert Series is to glorify God through the creative expression of performing arts, we present all concerts to the general public *absolutely free of charge*. Since this concert series receives no funding from the church's annual budget, we are able to provide this free public music series because of the generosity of patrons like you:

- monetary gifts can be in any amount;
- benefactors will be listed in the programs for each concert;
- it's even possible to underwrite individual concerts—contact me to learn more.

Please complete the form at the bottom of this letter and mail it with your gift in the enclosed pre-addressed return envelope. Checks should be payable to “Rocky River Presbyterian Church” with the notation “ACS” on the memo line.

In advance, I thank you for your generosity in supporting this church's Artist Concert Series.

Sincerely,

Nancy McGillicuddy, Artistic Director



Artist Concert Series Patron Registration

My name: _____

My address: _____

My phone & email (optional): _____

Amount enclosed: _____

(your gift may be tax deductible)

As a patron, please have my/our name(s) appear in the printed program as follows: _____

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