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# *Sanctuary Concert Series*

THE 2018 — 2019 SEASON

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## CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH SANCTUARY CONCERT SERIES 2018-2019

### ■ HOMECOMING CONCERT

*Millikin University*

**Sunday, October 7, 2:00 p.m.**

University Choir Alumni join the current year's choir in a varied concert of music. *Brad Holmes, conductor*

### ■ FALL CHORAL CONCERT

*Millikin University*

**Sunday, October 21, 2:00 & 4:00 p.m.**

More than 250 students from a variety of majors perform in one of five choirs from Millikin's nationally known choral program.

2:00 p.m. *Millikin Women — Beth Holmes, conductor*

*Collegiate Chorale and Tudor Voices —  
Guy Forbes, conductor*

4:00 p.m. *Millikin Men and University Choir —*

*Brad Holmes, conductor*

### ■ STEINER/HOCHWARTNER DUO

*Trombone/Organ/Piano Concert*

**Sunday, November 18, 2:00 p.m.**

Italian Trombonist **Peter Steiner's** playing has been described as "beautifully controlled with a vocal sound" and he is recognized around the world as "a new trombone star within his generation", "playing with total control".



At the age of 23, Peter was appointed Trombonist of the Vienna State Opera and Vienna Philharmonic for the 2016-2017 season. Prior to that he served as Principal Trombonist with the Colorado Symphony for the 2014-2015 season. He has performed as guest trombonist with the Munich

Philharmonic, Staatskapelle Dresden, New York Philharmonic, Dallas Symphony Orchestra, Seattle Symphony Orchestra and BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra.

Peter can be heard on his debut album, *United*, which was released in January 2017, in collaboration with Hsiao-Ling Lin (piano) and Silver Ainomäe (cello).

He is a Performing Artist for the Thein Instrument Company and performs on his signature model "Bel Canto".

**Constanze Hochwartner** received her first piano lessons at the young age of three, before being accepted into a class for gifted students in 2005 at the University of Music and Performing Arts in Graz, Austria. After graduating from high school, she switched her focus from piano to organ and started her studies in concert performance for organ with Univ. Prof. Ulrich Walther. Simultaneously she studied instrumental and vocal pedagogy with an additional focus on piano and graduated in the Fall of 2017.

Constanze has given several performances as a soloist with ensembles at the "Klingender Adventkalender" 2014 in the parish church of Graz. She performed as a soloist in the Graz Cathedral in 2015 and 2016 and at the "Grazer Orgelfrühling" 2016 in the Herz Jesu-Kirche in Graz.

In 2017, Constanze began collaborating with trombonist Peter Steiner and formed the Duo Steiner-Hochwartner. They have maintained an ambitious international performance schedule, including an 8-week USA tour (40 concerts), a concert at the Wartburg Festival (Eisenach, Germany), and a series of concerts in Europe (Switzerland, Italy, and Austria).

### ■ DECATUR YOUTH SYMPHONY

**Monday, November 19, 7:00 p.m.**



The Decatur Youth Symphony gives young people the opportunity to perform quality music with a professional conductor. The group continues to impress with their level of performance and choice of music. They are supported by the Symphony Orchestra Guild of Decatur, Millikin University and Decatur Public Schools.

### ■ ADVENT SERVICE

*Millikin Chamber Orchestra*

**Sunday, December 9, 10:30 a.m.**

The Millikin-Decatur Chamber Symphony makes its annual visit to the Central Christian Church morning worship service. The leadership of the Orchestra and the assistance of the Chancel Choir provides stirring music for our Advent/Christmas worship experience. Funding for this performance is provided in part by the Symphony Orchestra Guild of Decatur. *Sergey Bogza, conductor*

### ■ MARTIN ELLIS

*Organ Concert*

**Monday, December 31, 7:30 p.m.**

**Martin Ellis**, a native of Indiana, is an artist that has bridged the boundary between the classical and popular music worlds. As an active theatre and classical organist, pianist, and music arranger, Martin has brought innovative programming, creative arrangements, and a unique style to his performances worldwide.

As a theatre organist, Martin is an active solo artist and has performed in many of the major theatre organ venues throughout the country and was one of the "house" organists for the Sanfilippo Palace de Musique in Chicago on the largest theatre pipe organ in the world. His experience has lead to posts as an entertainer at

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Milwaukee's Piper Music Palace, and for one year at Uncle Milt's Pipes and Pizza of Vancouver, Washington. For over 15 years now, Martin is a member of Trio Con Brio with Donna Parker and Jonas Nordwall that present concerts featuring three organs played simultaneously.

Martin is currently the Director of Music and Organist at Portland's Central Lutheran Church and was recently hired as the Director of Music and Organist for the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. General Assembly.

### ■ COLLEGIATE CHORAL FINALE CONCERT

*Millikin University*

**Sunday, January 20, 7:30 p.m.**

The culminating concert following the chorale's week-long tour. *Guy Forbes, conductor*

### ■ JOHN SHERER

*Organ Concert*

**Sunday, March 24, 4:00 p.m.**

**John Sherer** has been hailed as "a terrific musician and pronounced virtuoso who plays with assurance, authority and superb energy." Reviewers have praised him for his "great creativity and élan."



Since 1996, Dr. Sherer has been the Organist and Director of Music for The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago, selected by USA Today as one of the top ten places in America to be "enthralled by heavenly music." This dynamic church has fifteen choirs and instrumental groups including The Morning

Choir. Dr. Sherer manages an active concert series at the church with over 100 events each year and oversees the partnership with the Music Institute of Chicago bringing private musical instruction, music therapy and other music classes to the church for adults and children.

Fourth Presbyterian Church was the second church in the US to be selected for the BBC program, "Songs of Praise." This program featured the music of the church with Dr. Sherer at the organ.

In addition to his work at the church, Dr. Sherer is University Organist at North Park University in Chicago where he teaches and plays for several major events each year.

### ■ MUSIC FOR HOLY WEEK\*

*Millikin University*

**Tuesday, April 16, 7:30 p.m.**

Music for Holy Week by Millikin University's two mixed choirs and chamber orchestra.

*University Choir - Brad Holmes, conductor*

*Collegiate Chorale - Guy Forbes, conductor*

### ■ CHILDREN'S CHOIRS CONCERT

*Millikin University*

**Saturday, April 27, 4:00 p.m.**

The Millikin Children's Choir Program is made up of three choirs and is open to all students ages 5-18. Each choir rehearses on Tuesday afternoons and has several performances each semester. *Christine Smith, Artistic and Music Director.*

### ■ SPRING CHORAL CONCERT

*Millikin University*

**Sunday, April 28, 2:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.**

The final concert of the year for these four Millikin choirs.

2:00 p.m. *Millikin Women — Beth Holmes, conductor*

4:00 p.m. *Collegiate Chorale and Tudor Voices —  
Guy Forbes, conductor*

*Millikin Men — Brad Holmes, conductor*

### ■ OPUS 24\*

**Tuesday, May 14, 7:30 p.m.**



Since its founding, the choral ensemble Opus 24 has established a tradition of providing a quality musical experience for both participant and the listening audience. Starting with only eleven singers, Opus 24 has grown into a mature musical force in central Illinois. In addition to the regular concert season, Opus 24 has performed for festivals, conventions and special events throughout the Midwest and performs regularly with the Millikin Decatur Symphony Orchestra. *Milton Scott, conductor*

*\* There will be a \$10 admission fee for both the Music For Holy Week and Opus 24 concerts.*