

2026 - 2027 Music Season

Holy Innocents'
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Dear Friends,

It is a great joy to welcome you to a new season of Friends of Music at Holy Innocents. As I begin my first season directing this series, I am excited about the wonderful variety of music and musicians we will welcome into our spaces in the months ahead.

This season feels especially meaningful because so many of our artists come to us through relationships already woven into the life of our community. We are delighted to welcome back the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus and Coro Vocati. The Atlanta Young Singers and the Atlanta Women's Chorus also have strong connections to our community, making their appearances a natural extension of the relationships that surround our parish. Personally, there is a particular joy in welcoming Christine Lyons and Joe Alterman, both of whom I first knew as students at Woodward Academy and whom I have had the pleasure of watching develop into extraordinary professional musicians. Bringing these artists together makes this season feel both new and connected to what has come before.

Music has always occupied a special place in the life of the Episcopal Church. Our tradition has given rise to centuries of extraordinary music, not simply as an adornment to worship, but as a means of expressing things that words alone cannot. Through Friends of Music, Holy Innocents can open our doors to the wider community and offer experiences of beauty, creativity, fellowship, and inspiration.

Offering these concerts free of charge to our parishioners and community is possible because of the generosity of those who believe in this ministry and choose to support it. You will find information elsewhere in this booklet about the many ways you can become a Friend of Music and help ensure that this series continues to grow and flourish.

I hope you will join us often this season. Bring a friend, invite a neighbor, and help us fill our spaces with people eager to experience great music together. I am tremendously excited about what lies ahead and grateful to be beginning this new chapter in the musical life of Holy Innocents with all of you.

With gratitude,
Dock Anderson
Director of Music

Music is the Church's greatest ornament.

– Igor Stravinsky



Music is not just at the heart of Episcopal worship. It is the very language of God and a celebration of our common life. Music is one of the few times multiple generations come together to share our lives and experience the beauty of God's presence in our midst. Dock and our music program create a vibrant spiritual home where faith is expressed not only in words but in song. As Kahlil Gibran beautifully shares, "Music is the language of the spirit. It opens the secret of life bringing peace, abolishing strife."

Our series is designed to appeal to a wide variety of people and bring them together in melody and song. Gifts to Friends of Music help us to welcome new singers and musicians, nurture young people, and share sacred music with our wider community.

I invite you to make a gift today and invest in a ministry that inspires hearts and strengthens our common life. If you would like to sponsor a concert in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please contact Dock. In addition, we are always grateful for volunteers to help with promotions, ushering, or hosting receptions.

Together, we can ensure that the music of our church continues to lift our voices, deepen our worship, and proclaim God's love for generations to come. Thank you for helping us keep this vital ministry strong and for spreading the gospel in the world.

Joyfully,
The Rev. Dr. Bill Murray
Rector

Joe Alterman Jazz Trio

OCTOBER 24, 2026, 7:00-8:30 PM | BISHOP COMMONS

Atlanta jazz pianist Joe Alterman brings swing, soul, and an unmistakable sense of joy to the piano. A longtime mentee of jazz greats Les McCann and Ramsey Lewis, Alterman carries forward their groove-filled, life-affirming approach while bringing a musical voice all his own. McCann called him "a giant," while Ahmad Jamal hailed him as "a very special artist."

Alterman has released eight critically acclaimed albums and performed at celebrated venues including the Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center, Birdland, and the Blue Note. His work also appears on two Grammy Award-winning projects, and his collaborators have ranged from jazz legends to Atlanta music icon Dallas Austin.

Beyond the stage, Alterman is a writer, interviewer, and host and producer of The Upside of Jazz on WABE 90.1, where he explores the music, people, and stories that have shaped jazz. At the heart of it all is his piano—joyful, swinging, and alive.





Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus

DECEMBER 13, 2026, 4:30-5:30 PM | NAVE

A Friends of Music favorite returns for the Christmas season! The Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus joins us for the third time, filling the Nave with the warmth, joy, and beauty of the season through a festive program of choral music.

Founded in 1981, the AGMC is one of the world's longest-running gay men's choruses. For more than four decades, the ensemble has brought people together through music while serving as a catalyst for greater understanding and social change.

Part of Voices of Note, which also includes the Atlanta Women's Chorus, the AGMC continues a rich tradition of musical excellence and advocacy. We are delighted to welcome them back for what has quickly become a cherished part of our Christmas season.

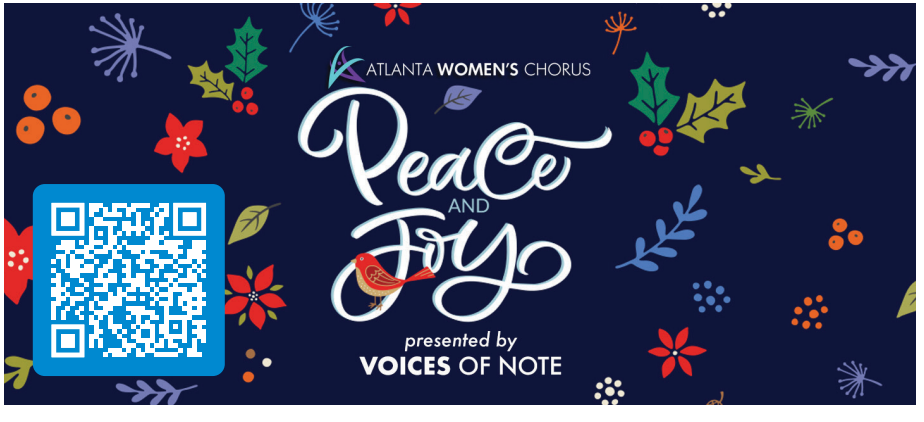
Atlanta Women's Chorus: Peace and Joy

DECEMBER 19, 2026, 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM | NAVE

Celebrate the season with the Atlanta Women's Chorus and Peace and Joy, a holiday program filled with warmth, reflection, and uplifting choral music. Amid the excitement and busyness of December, this concert offers a chance to pause and experience the beauty of the season through song.

Led by Artistic Director Melissa Arasi, the Atlanta Women's Chorus brings together singers from across the Atlanta community. Through a wide-ranging repertoire and expressive performances, the ensemble celebrates the power of women's voices. Peace and Joy centers that spirit on hope, togetherness, and the beauty of the season. | Tickets: $25–$50 • Children under 10 attend free











Atlanta Young Singers

ATLANTA YOUNG SINGERS

FEBRUARY 27, 2027, 7:00-8:00 PM | NAVE

Experience the energy and artistry of Atlanta Young Singers, an ensemble dedicated to developing the next generation of musicians. Bringing together young people ages 7–18, AYS combines exceptional choral performance with a comprehensive music education that builds confidence, creativity, and musical fluency.

Through rehearsals and performances, these young singers learn not only to make beautiful music together, but also to listen, collaborate, and value the voices of those around them. Atlanta Young Singers is committed to creating a caring community where every young person is valued and encouraged to grow.

Join us as these talented young musicians fill the Nave with their voices for an evening that celebrates young artistry and the power of music to bring generations together.

Christine Lyons

APRIL 24, 2027, 7:00-8:00 PM | NAVE

Acclaimed bel canto soprano Christine Lyons brings vocal brilliance and emotional depth to the Friends of Music series. A 2025 Princess Grace Award recipient, Lyons has performed at some of the nation's leading cultural institutions, including Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, The Kennedy Center, and The Shed, as well as at events for the White House and United Nations.

Known for performances that pair vocal precision with compelling dramatic expression, Lyons' recent and upcoming engagements include appearances with Andrea Bocelli, Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, and the title role in Lucia di Lammermoor. The New York Times has praised "her voice blossoming down into its depths."

Lyons trained at Carnegie Mellon University and continued her studies in Italy, France, and Austria.





Coro Vocati

CORO VOCATI

MAY 1, 2027, 7:00-8:00 PM | NAVE

Atlanta-based Coro Vocati brings together professional singers from across the region to create performances marked by exceptional artistry and imaginative programming. Under the direction of Dr. Stanley Roberts, the ensemble explores the breadth of choral music, from early works and beloved classics to music by contemporary composers.

A champion of new music, Coro Vocati has presented numerous local, regional, and world premieres and regularly commissions new works. In 2019, the ensemble became the first professional choir in Georgia to perform the critically acclaimed Considering Matthew Shepard, presenting the work to a sold-out audience.

Founded in 2009 by renowned conductor and educator Dr. John Dickson, Coro Vocati has grown into one of the Southeast's premier professional choral ensembles, bringing together distinguished singers, educators, and conductors through a shared commitment to outstanding choral music.

Friends of Music

GIVING LEVELS

COMPOSER: $2,500

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ARTIST: $500-$999

PATRON: $300-$499

SPONSOR: $100-$299

SUPPORTER: $59-$99

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Every contribution makes a difference, and we are grateful for your support.
Thank you for helping music flourish at Holy Innocents.





Great music brings people together—and your generosity helps make it possible.

The Friends of Music concert series brings outstanding artists and ensembles to Holy Innocents, enriching the cultural life of our parish and the wider community. Thanks to the generosity of our Friends of Music, we are able to offer most of these performances with no admission charge, making exceptional music accessible to everyone.

Your gift helps us welcome gifted musicians, present performances of the highest quality, and continue building a vibrant concert series for our community.

We invite you to become a Friend of Music with a gift of any amount.

To make a gift, simply scan the QR code below to give online, or mail your contribution using the enclosed envelope.



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