

January 13 Stone Arch Collective

Stone Arch Collective is made up of teaching artists at MacPhail Center for Music in Minneapolis including Crystal Hall, oboe; Teresa Campbell, violin; Tamara Gonzalez, viola; and Joe Kaiser, cello. The ensemble is dedicated to championing under-represented composers and music from non-Western countries. Their repertoire juxtaposes familiar composers such as Mozart, Bartók, and Joplin with a healthy dose of new, relatively-unknown composers like Dan Shore and Luís Miranda. Stone Arch Collective has just completed a year serving as featured 2015-2016 MPR Classnotes Artists.

*A benefit concert for
21st Century Academy*

February 10 Vocal Songs Between the Wars

This program looks at the songs between the world wars, German and English songs with an emphasis on work songs, and some Hollywood thrown in there too. It's a terrific program with just the right amount of laughter and poignancy.

The performers include Fridays' favorite, Steve Staruch, tenor with Naomi Staruch and Monica Stratton, sopranos. The program is the creation of Roger Stratton, a music director in the Twin Cities.

*A benefit concert for
Empty Bowls*



Benefit Recipients

The **KidPack** program first started three years ago and has grown to serve almost every elementary school in ISD 281. Local churches partner with the various schools throughout the Robbinsdale school district and work to provide food to children at the end of every school week.

Emergency Flood Relief will be sent through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) program to help aid families in the Louisiana area with cleanup, supplies and additional support in the wake of recent flooding. Residents in the area continue to struggle and require further assistance to live and rebuild their lives and homes.

Families Moving Forward relies on volunteers from more than 50 congregations throughout the Twin Cities metro area to create shelter space at their congregation sites. In addition to a safe place to sleep and a warm meal, volunteers share kindness and compassion with families experiencing homelessness addressing their unique barriers to stability so they may leave the shelter program for permanent housing.

PRISM Holiday Shoppe helps parents in need as they choose holiday presents for each of their children approximately two weeks before the holidays. PRISM receives its toys from Church Partners, local business, individuals and the Toys for Tots organization.

21st Century Academy is an after school program through the Kwanzaa Church in North Minneapolis that offers tutoring, mentoring and an evening meal for at-risk middle school students in the church neighborhood. This program pairs students with regular volunteers who work to help build relationships and community.

Empty Bowls is an international grassroots effort to fight hunger. The basic premise is simple: Potters, educators and others work with the community to create handcrafted bowls. Guests are invited to a simple meal of soup and bread. The money raised is donated to an organization working to end hunger and food insecurity.

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Fridays in the Valley 

Music and Mission Series

Valley Community Presbyterian Church

Fall and Winter
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*“Music expresses that which cannot
be said and on which it is impossible
to be silent.”*

—Victor Hugo

Fridays in the Valley Music Series

*Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m.
followed by a reception and are free to all.*

*Valley Community Presbyterian Church
has long enjoyed a rich musical heritage.*

*Building on this tradition, Fridays in
the Valley was created for local musicians
to showcase their talents while providing
a benefit for local charities.*

*Fridays in the Valley is an eclectic mix
of quality musicians performing in
an intimate setting, making fine music
accessible to our community.*

*Funding for the Fridays in the Valley
concert series is made possible
by a gift from Greg and Mary Rom.*

Valley is easy to find from Highway 100.



September 9 Trio Musikeren

In Mozart's time the clarinet was a new instrument gaining wide popularity after its invention in 1691. Late in his short life Mozart wrote some of his loveliest music for the clarinet as a featured solo instrument and in chamber ensembles and symphonies. This program by Trio Musikeren presents some of the wide range of music—by Classical genius W.A. Mozart, opera composer Giacomo Meyerbeer, and contemporary artists Carl Vollrath and Edward Marcus—that highlight the rich sweetness of the clarinet's timbre and its wide dynamic and pitch range.

Trio Musikeren performers are Karen Hansen, clarinet; Chelsea Kimpton, clarinet; and Mary Albachten, clarinet and bass clarinet.

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KidPack*

October 14 Lux String Quartet

Join Lux with an evening of autumn-themed night music, including Mozart's logically-nicknamed "Hunt" string quartet. Alto Alyssa Anderson will join the quartet for songs by Schumann, inspired by German fairy tale and picture books. Brahms' second quartet in A minor will put a nightcap to the evening. The fourth movement will bring everyone to an impetuous end with a nod to the Hungarian folk dance, the csárdás.

*A benefit concert for
Emergency Flood Relief
in Louisiana*

November 11 The Magic of Six

This program boasts two compositions written for the relatively rare (only?) instrumentation of piano with clarinet, horn, violin, viola and cello. It features the Piano Sextet by Krzysztof Penderecki, and the Sextet, Op. 37 by Ernő Dohnányi. The final movement of Op. 37 was featured on the March, 2016 Fridays concert as a "teaser." Now it may be heard in its entirety.

Performers include Fridays' frequent Chelsea Kimpton, clarinet; Vicki Wheeler, horn; Jenny Voiby, violin; Beth Sorensen, viola; and Valerie Kahler, cello and Sue Ruby, piano. Come enjoy a piece of Sue's birthday cake as she celebrates a special day with amazing musicians!

*A benefit concert for
Families Moving Forward*

December 9 Above Average Tuba Quartet

The Above Average Tuba Quartet makes a second visit to Fridays in the Valley for another memorable holiday show. These musicians believe that the greatest music is the stuff written in the bass clef and after you hear them, you will believe it too. Experience the world of music for tuba and euphonium in an evening guaranteed to entertain and inspire.

*A benefit concert for
PRISM Holiday Shoppe*

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