

Missions Inc. Programs & Home Free Shelter

The Missions Inc. -Home Free Community Program is a community-wide response to domestic violence through coordination of law enforcement, criminal justice, and social service systems.



Services are provided to 11 cities and municipalities in northwest Hennepin County with expanded services using a domestic assault intervention project model in the cities of Plymouth, New Hope, and Champlin. Home Free Shelter serves female identifying survivors and their children. All services are free, confidential and voluntary, regardless of income or immigration status.

UPCOMING CONCERT

Friday, November 8, 2024 | 7:00 pm
The Lyrica Trio

Becky Jyrkas, Dana Maeda, & Sue Ruby

Fridays in the Valley welcomes for the first time The Lyrica Trio with Dana Maeda, oboe; Becky Jyrkas, French Horn and Fridays coordinator, Sue Ruby at the piano. Enjoy the unusual but delightful instrumentation through the works of Carl Reinecke, H. Molbe and Heinrich von Herzogenberg. The highlight of the show will be the Trio for Oboe, Bassoon and Piano by living Navajo composer, Connor Chee. This performance will be the premiere of the trio with this instrumentation.

The Fridays in the Valley concert series was established in 2012.
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Fridays in the Valley 

Presents: **Metro Brass Quintet**

Bruce Alpern, trombone
Gary Bird, tuba
Steve Ecklund, french horn
Dan Julson, trumpet/flugelhorn
Graham Taylor, trumpet/flugelhorn



Friday, October 11, 2024 | 7:00 pm

Valley Community Presbyterian Church

Fridays in the Valley Chamber Music Series

Sunday, October 11, 2024 7:00 pm



Jazz Suite.....Gregory Fritze (Cool Bop)

I'm A Believer.....Neil Diamond, arr. Seb Skelly

Pure Imagination.....A. Newley and L. Bricusse
(from *Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*)
arr. Seb Skelly

Bohemian Rhapsody.....Freddy Mercury
arr. W. Roy Mitchell

Beale Sreett Blues.....W.C. Handy
arr. L. Henderson

Launische Tuba.....Kurt Rehfeld

Oh Shenandoah.....Traditional folksong
arr. Gregory Fritze

Concerto for Two Trumpets mvmt. 1.....arr. C Hendricks

Fun, Fun, Fun.....Brian Wilson & Mike Love
arr. Will Corbin

That's A-Plenty.....Lew Pollack, arr. Cooper

Musician Biographies

Bruce Alpern, Originally from the Chicago area, Bruce Alpern has been playing in the U.S. Army Band system since 1982, is currently playing with the Sheldon Theatre Brass Band, Metro Brass, Metro Brass Quintet, the Minnesota Jazz Orchestra, and various other groups around the Twin Cities. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 2019.

Gary Bird is professor emeritus from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he taught for 36 years. He has music degrees from UW-River Falls, University of North Texas and Indiana University. He is a member of the Metro Brass Quintet and the larger 12-piece group, as well as the Lake Wobegon Brass Band, the Sheldon Theatre Brass Band, and the Above Average Tuba Quartet. He has three grown children, all of whom are teachers, and four grandchildren.

Steve Ecklund Steve currently plays with the Metro Brass, the Metro Brass Quintet, the Lake Wobegon Brass Band, and was formerly principal horn of the Civic Orchestra of Minneapolis. He also plays the Swiss alphorn and can occasionally be heard at ethnic festivals and beer gardens around the Twin Cities wearing his alpine hat and lederhosen. He's retired from 39-year career with Honeywell's Aerospace Division.

Dan Julson is a native of Eau Claire, Dan Julson graduated from UW-Eau Claire in music education and computer science. He has been fortunate enough to play with a wide variety of musical genre groups, including Metro Brass, Metro Brass Quintet, Mississippi River Brass Band, Rochester Symphony Orchestra, Twin Cities Trumpet Ensemble, After Hours Big Band, and more. By day, he works as a software development manager at Infinite Campus. He resides in Woodbury, Minn, with his wife and has two married children, two grandchildren, a grand corgi, and two grand horses.

Graham Taylor grew up in Irvine, California and received a Bachelor of Music degree from Northwestern University and a Master of Music degree from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. He was a sought-after freelance musician in Los Angeles performing with the Pacific Symphony, Long Beach Symphony, and in the LA Studios. Now living in Minneapolis, Graham is principal trumpet with the Mankato Symphony, the La Crosse Symphony, and has played with both the Minnesota Orchestra as well as the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra.