



MUSIC AT ST. PHILIP 

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*Concert Series & Festival Services*

— *Concert Series* —

**Ronn McFarlane**, LUTE

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 | 7:30 p.m.



Considered “probably the finest living exponent of his instrument” (The Times Colonist, Victoria, BC), GRAMMY-nominated lutenist Ronn McFarlane has travelled the world — as solo artist, founder of **Ayreheart**, and founding member of the **Baltimore Consort** — bringing the lute, the most popular instrument of the Renaissance, into today’s musical mainstream. Come to this solo concert prepared to be dazzled!

**Concert for Peace**, with Mercury Chamber Ensemble

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 21, 2017 | 7:30 p.m.



In times of turmoil and crisis, musicians and poets work to foster unity and peace through the shared arts of music and the spoken word. Our tenth annual Concert for Peace features Houston’s Mercury Chamber Ensemble with conductor **Antoine Plante** in music of **Handel** and **Vivaldi**, interspersed with original poetry presented by South African poet **Henk Rossouw** and Houston Youth Poet Laureate **Fareena Arefeen**.

**Jonathan Ryan**, ORGAN — with St. Philip staff singers

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 5, 2017 | 3:00 p.m.



Winner of several prestigious international prizes in organ performance, Jonathan Ryan presents **J. S. Bach**’s monumental German Organ Mass, the *Clavier-Übung III*, showcasing all the power and possibility of St. Philip’s renowned Fritts organ, and featuring St. Philip staff singers performing the original chorales upon which Bach’s music is based. Presented in partnership with the American Guild of Organists Houston Chapter.

**Matthew Dirst**, ORGAN — with Ars Lyrica Houston

SATURDAY | JANUARY 6, 2018 | 7:30 p.m.



This Epiphany program features the first keyboard concertos in music history, composed by **G. F. Handel** and **J. S. Bach** for organ and instruments and reconstructed by St. Philip organist and UH musicologist Matthew Dirst. Inspired by recent research into the origins of Bach’s concerti especially, this will be the first public performance of a repertory that will be recorded here in early January.

**Solero Flamenco**, GUITAR, VOICE and DANCE

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 10, 2018 | 7:30 p.m.



Under the artistic direction of vocalist **Irma La Paloma** and guitarist **Jeremías García**, Solero Flamenco, Houston’s premier flamenco performance company, presents this vibrant program with artistic integrity and trademark passion. Soulful song, enchanting guitar, and exhilarating dance converge in this highly improvised art form presenting traditional, contemporary, and original works. Join us for a lively evening!

**Child Piano Prodigies**

SUNDAY | MARCH 18, 2018 | 4:00 p.m.



In conjunction with Houston Tuesday Music Club, we present the winners of the **2018 Rochelle Liebling Kahan Memorial Fund Competition for Child Piano Prodigies**. Established in 2005 by the Liebling Kahan family under the auspices of HTMC, the contest is open to Houston area children between the ages of six and nine, and the level of talent shown by participants is astonishingly high.

— *Festival Services* —

**Reformation 500 Hymn Festival**

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 | 11:00 a.m.

2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation begun by Martin Luther. Join us as **Eric Wall**, Assistant Professor of Sacred Music and Dean of the Chapel at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, leads us in celebrating through song.

**Advent/Christmas Lessons and Carols**

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 24, 2017 | 11:00 a.m.

Ring in the holidays with readings and music celebrating the coming of Christ, with carols sung by everyone, and anthems sung by the **St. Philip Choir**, including beautiful new works by Carson Cooman, Will Todd, Malcolm Archer, and Bob Chilcott.

**Musical Meditations for Holy Saturday**

SATURDAY | MARCH 31, 2018 | 5:00 p.m.

Join us in the stillness of Holy Saturday as **Matthew Dirst and friends** present music of meditation on the mysteries of the crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Christ in this one-hour program of peace, quiet, and contemplative music making.

**Jazz Communion**

SUNDAY | APRIL 8, 2018 | 11:00 a.m.

Celebrate spring and the Easter season with the uplifting music of jazz pianist **Paul English** and his fine ensemble of singers and instrumentalists. Music will include original works as well as jazz arrangements of familiar hymns for everyone to sing.

**Music Sunday**

SUNDAY | MAY 13, 2018 | 11:00 a.m.

In celebration of Ascension Sunday, Mother’s Day, and the great gift that is music, the **St. Philip Choir** presents a magnificent new *Gloria* (2017) by Simon Johnson, *A Hymn for St. Cecilia* (2016) by Malcolm Archer, and *O come, let us sing* (2016) by David Bednall.

All concerts and services are **FREE** and open to the public. **Concert Series** donations are welcome, and may be given at any concert by cash, check, VISA, MasterCard, Discover, or text-to-give.



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