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## Directions and parking for First Congregational Church of Danbury

The church is located at 164 Deer Hill Ave., at the intersection of West Street and Deer Hill Avenue in Danbury, across from City Hall.

**Eastbound on Interstate 84:** Take I-84E in Connecticut to Exit 5. Go straight from the exit ramp onto Downs Street. At the light, turn right onto Main Street. Follow Main Street south for approximately 1.5 miles and turn right onto West Street. In 1/4 mile turn left onto Deer Hill Avenue. The church is on the right corner and is handicap accessible.

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Tina Johns Heidrich Music Director and Conductor

Our 19th Season

# The Connecticut Master Chorale

was founded in 1999 by Music Director and Conductor Tina Johns Heidrich with the concept of forming an exceptional group, capable of singing the traditional choral repertoire to the highest standards and able to perform her signature eclectic programming with versatility and enthusiasm. Now in our nineteenth season, critics have described us as "first-rate singing from a first-rate chorale" and "they have firmly established themselves as the leading vocal group in the area."

In addition to regularly scheduled performances, our other accomplishments include a Christmas Concert at the White House, a U.S. premiere performance at Lincoln Center, three Carnegie Hall concerts, as well as concerts at West Point, Madison Square Garden, and with the Ridgefield Symphony - all by invitation. We won the annual McDonald's Gospelfest Competition three years in a row and have appeared on ABC TV.

Our recordings have been featured on WMNR Fine Arts Radio in Connecticut.

We will begin the 2017-2018 season with our annual Holiday Prelude Concert at the First Congregational Church of Danbury.

Ring in the holiday season with a glorious selection of outstanding choral music reflecting an eclectic collection of songs from many cultures, featuring: "A Celtic Christmas", music for Thanksgiving, Advent, Hanukkah, and Christmas, including a majestic choral fantasy, carols lullabies, spirituals, big band, jazz, calypso, and more - ending with a rousing gospel number that will have everyone dancing in the aisles!

In April, we will present Jubilate Deo! (O Be Joyful in the Lord!). This is a new major work by Dan Forrest, who also composed the moving **Requiem for the Living** that many of you will remember from 2015.

His latest creation brings to life the universal aspect of the traditional Psalm 100 text, "O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands", by setting it in seven different languages and drawing from a wide spectrum of musical influences. The result is a stunning celebration of joy as all the earth sings as one, "omnis terra, jubilate!" - "all earth, rejoice!"

A cycle of six pieces, Paul Basler's Songs of Celebration rejoices in the American spirit.





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### HOLIDAY PRELUDE CONCERT November 19, 2017

Gloria Fanfare - Opening with a resplendent brass fanfare, jubilation and majesty combine in this dramatic new "Gloria in Excelsis Deo!" by Jeffery L. Ames.

See Amid the Winter's Snow - Dan Forrest has created a stunning, ethereal arrangement of the lovely English carol.

Birthday in a Manger - "Away in a Manger" and "Happy Birthday" (to Jesus) are blended together in this gentle, tender creation.

A CELTIC CHRISTMAS: An eclectic grouping featuring three diverse Celtic pieces. Christmas Pipes - "It's good to be home" and all the things that make Christmas special are included in this joyous number popularized by Celtic Woman. A Highland Carol - The spirit of the Highlands is combined with traditional Christmas texts in a distinctive Celtic carol. Journey of the Angels -Another hypnotic classic from Enva creates an atmosphere of peace, comfort, and nostalgia.

Christmas in the Great Hall - A majestic choral fantasy featuring unique arrangements of seven time-honored carols.

African Star Carol - The traditional South African tune Siyahamba is incorporated into this spirited piece with African rhythms.

La Trulla - Caroling from house to house is a popular Puerto Rican tradition as reflected in this joyful song.

Mary, Mary! - An unusual big band version of the well-known spiritual.

The Chanukah Song (We Are Lights) -A lyrical and expressive original by the celebrated Broadway and film composer Stephen Schwartz.

That's What I Want for Christmas -This jazzy Christmas standard was first made famous by the legendary Ella Fitzgerald.

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