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Tina Johns Heidrich is the Founder and Music Director of the Connecticut Master Chorale. A dynamic leader with her own distinct vision and style, she consistently produces impressive performances filled with sensitivity, emotion and passion, engaging both singers and audience. Her unique approach of “work hard but have fun” and her immense energy ensure an exciting and educational experience for her singers, while eliciting their very finest performance quality.

“As we enter our 20th season, I remain as excited as I was when the group began. We have performed over 500 unique pieces in many venues and worked with today’s leading composers. And what pleases me most both personally and professionally, is the music we create, the outstanding sound of the group, the satisfaction after each performance, and the enthusiasm and loyalty of our audiences.”

*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.

Westbound on Interstate 84: Take I-84W in Connecticut to Exit 5. Make a right turn off the exit ramp 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.

There is plenty of parking - look for signs. Parking meters are free on Sundays.

For more detailed information, including maps, please visit www.cmchorale.org.



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The Connecticut Master Chorale

was founded in 1999 by Music Director and Conductor Tina Johns Heidrich. More than twenty years ago, when she was first conceptualizing the chorale, Ms. Heidrich envisioned a new chorus of highly trained singers able to learn complex music quickly and capable of performing her unique eclectic programming with enthusiasm, precision and passion.

Since our first concert, we have performed more than 500 unique pieces, by over 360 composers, in 27 different languages – from Oratorios and Opera Choruses to Spirituals and Jazz with even more exciting music in our future!

In addition to the regularly scheduled performances, our accomplishments include a Christmas Concert at the White House, a U.S. premiere performance at Lincoln Center, three Carnegie Hall appearances, 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 our 2018-2019 season, our 20th Anniversary year, with our annual **Holiday Prelude Concert**.

This popular concert will include a collection of outstanding choral music: featuring "A Russian Christmas" and a diverse selection of distinctive music for Winter, Advent, Hanukkah, and Christmas - with timeless yuletide melodies, joyous carols, lullabies, big band, gospel, and more!

In April, we will present **Requiem for Solace** by Kim André Arnesen. This talented young Norwegian composer has combined sacred texts and modern poetry to create an inspiring Requiem of great beauty. This unique masterpiece is destined to become a favorite for generations to come.

Also on the program are three works by Dan Forrest: **Te Deum, In Paradisum, and Psalm of Ascension**. These glorious works from this remarkable American composer confirm his exceptional gift for lyricism, reverence and drama.

Connecticut Master Chorale



Tina Johns Heidrich
Music Director and Conductor
Joseph Jacovino, Jr., Accompanist
Connecticut Master Chorale Orchestra

2018-2019 SEASON

Both concerts at First Congregational Church of Danbury, CT Holiday Prelude Concert

Sunday, November 18, 2018 – 3 pm



Requiem for Solace

by Kim André Arnesen

plus

Te Deum • In Paradisum • Psalm of Ascension

by Dan Forrest

Sunday, April 7, 2019 – 3 pm

\$20 in advance - \$25 at the door
For tickets, call (203) 743-0473

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HOLIDAY PRELUDE CONCERT November 18, 2018

Arise, Your Light Has Come! - With brass fanfares and majestic pageantry, this dynamic choral showcase is an exceptional canticle of praise.

Song of the Angels - *Angels We Have Heard on High* and *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* are combined in this unique arrangement by Mark Hayes.

O Little Town of Bethlehem - Dan Forrest, one of our favorite composers, has given the beloved carol a new arrangement filled with peace, wonder, and awe.

A RUSSIAN CHRISTMAS: We celebrate the diverse music of Russia with three eclectic examples. **The Sleigh** - This joyful ethnic piece depicts sleighing on a moonlit night. **Carol of the Russian Children** - A lovely arrangement based on a 16th Century carol. **Kalinka** - The most popular Russian song of all time, this lively, high-spirited piece immortalizes the snowball tree.

Cradle Song - We introduce Kim André Arnesen with this beautifully expressive lullaby set to a poem by Isaac Watts.

Christmas Joy - Another Dan Forrest creation, this medley of Christmas favorites features gorgeous vocal harmonies tied together with brass and bells.

Last Month of the Year - From a Grammy Award winning Christmas album by the Blind Boys of Alabama, this joyous gospel spiritual asks "Now tell me, when was Jesus born?"

There's Still My Joy - An inspiring message of hope and peace at Christmas from Melissa Manchester.

Glow - This upbeat new big band number, with Sinatra-style vocals, celebrates the glow and warmth of the season.

Christmas Memories - This charming romantic ballad recalls memories of love at Christmastime.

Testify! - We pull out all the stops with this exhilarating gospel number by the great Dottie Peoples, filled with excitement straight through to its jubilant conclusion!

Plus music for Hanukkah, Advent, and other seasonal selections that will guarantee a joyous and memorable start to the Holiday season.

Connecticut Master Chorale - CD Order Form

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| Paul Basler: <i>Songs of Celebration</i> | x_____ |
| Martin Palmeri: <i>Misatango</i> | |
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