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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 the Chorale continues into our third decade, I remain as excited as I was when the group began. We have performed over 500 unique pieces by over 400 composers 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.

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# Connecticut Master Chorale

## **2023-2024** *Concert Season*

Tina Johns Heidrich  
Music Director  
and  
Conductor



*Our 23<sup>rd</sup> Season*

## The Connecticut Master Chorale

was founded in 1999 by Music Director and Conductor Tina Johns Heidrich. 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.

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 and WJM in Connecticut.

Our 23rd concert season opens with our annual **Holiday Prelude Concert**, featuring an impressive collection of glorious holiday music, including "A Calypso Christmas" and the return of the ever-popular steel drums! We will present an eclectic program of outstanding choral music including exciting new compositions. Our diverse collection includes music for Winter, Christmas and Hanukkah. Expect fabulous arrangements of carols, big band, gospel and much more to prepare you for the holidays!

In March we will present **LUX: The Dawn from on High** by Dan Forrest. Written in 2018, the third major work from this master composer is filled with the beautiful harmonies, precise orchestration and uplifting vocals that characterize his earlier compositions. An evocation of shimmering light, unconditional love, heavenly joy and deep peace, this is classical composition at its best!

We will also offer other new and inspirational works by Mr. Forrest: *The Music of Living; I Thank You God; Light Beyond Shadow; and Hallelu Yah! Three songs of praise.*

## Connecticut Master Chorale



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

### 2023-2024 SEASON

**Both concerts at  
First Congregational  
Church of Danbury, CT**

### Holiday Prelude Concert

Sunday, November 19, 2023 – 3 pm



**LUX: The Dawn from  
on High**

*plus other*

**new and inspirational works by  
Dan Forrest**

Sunday, March 10, 2024 – 3 pm

\$20 in advance - \$25 at the door

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## HOLIDAY PRELUDE CONCERT

**November 19, 2023**

**Break Forth with Joy** - A festive and dynamic concert opener that literally breaks forth with joy as it weaves three traditional carols into a tapestry of celebration.

**Ring Out, Ye Bells!** - From the opening Alleluias, this invigorating telling of the wondrous story is filled with joyous elation and gladness.

**In the Bleak Midwinter** - Dan Forrest's magical carol setting, with ethereal melodic echoes and soaring vocal lines, transports the listener into Christina Rossetti's beloved Christmas text.

**Hanukkah Hayom!** - Celebrate Hanukkah with an authentic traditional song that recalls the beauty of the candles that look like stars in the night and the joy that they bring to all.

**A CALYPSO CHRISTMAS** - Three selections, including an original from our conductor, with the return of the ever-popular steel drums!

**The Holiday Season** - This swinging holiday song by Kay Thompson, popularized by Andy Williams, remains a classic holiday favorite.

**I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm** - From the legendary composer Irving Berlin, this popular favorite is presented in a soft jazzy arrangement.

**My Christmas Tree** - The true meaning of the Christmas tree is expressed in this touching and emotive piece from the movie "Home Alone 2".

**Talkin' 'Bout Jesus** - This rousing number tells the good news of the Christmas story as only great Southern Gospel music can!

**Plus other festive selections that will guarantee a joyous and memorable start to the Holiday season.**

## Connecticut Master Chorale - CD Order Form

|                                                                   |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 2022 Holiday Prelude Concert                                      | x _____ |
| 2019 Holiday Prelude Concert                                      | x _____ |
| 2018 Holiday Prelude Concert                                      | x _____ |
| 2017 Holiday Prelude Concert                                      | x _____ |
| 2016 Holiday Prelude Concert                                      | x _____ |
| Kim André Arnesen: <i>Requiem for Solace</i>                      |         |
| Dan Forrest: <i>Te Deum, In Paradisum, and Psalm of Ascension</i> | x _____ |
| Dan Forrest: <i>Jubilate Deo</i>                                  |         |
| Paul Basler: <i>Songs of Celebration</i>                          | x _____ |
| Martin Palmeri: <i>Misatango</i>                                  |         |
| John Rutter: <i>The Gift of Life</i>                              | x _____ |
| Duke Ellington's <i>Sacred Concert</i>                            | x _____ |
| Rossini: <i>Stabat Mater; Puccini Choruses</i>                    | x _____ |
| Karl Jenkins: <i>Stabat Mater</i>                                 |         |
| Mack Wilberg: <i>Four American Folk Hymns</i>                     | x _____ |
| Glenn McClure: <i>A Caribbean Mass</i>                            |         |
| André Thomas: <i>Songs From My Heart</i>                          | x _____ |
| <i>I Hear America Singing</i>                                     | x _____ |
| <i>Around the World in 80 Minutes</i>                             | x _____ |
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| <i>10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert (2009)</i>                 | x _____ |

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