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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 celebrates our 25th Anniversary, I remain as excited as I was when the group began. We have performed nearly 600 unique pieces by over 450 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.

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

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Our 25th Anniversary!

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.

"Season of Joy" is the theme of our traditional Holiday Prelude Concert in celebration of our 25th concert season. We welcome the coming holidays with a stellar collection of outstanding festive choral music. The diverse program includes selections for Winter, Advent, Hanukkah, and the New Year, with joyous carols, spirituals, gospel and more.

In March we will celebrate our country with **Happy 250th Birthday, America!** presenting a glorious array of patriotic and distinctly American music. Included in the program are *Folk Songs of America* by Dan Forrest - a choral cycle with new settings of American folk songs representing the richly diverse people and places found throughout American history.

Also on the program is *I Hear America Singing* by André Thomas, Dr. Forrest's spectacular new arrangement of *My Country, 'Tis of Thee, From Sea to Shining Sea, God of Our Fathers*, and Joseph Martin's *A Festive Call to Freedom*.

We will honor the heroes who served our country with a *Salute to the Armed Forces - The Pride of America* - a medley of songs from five military branches, culminating with our National Anthem. "Land of the free, because of the brave!"

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

2025-2026 SEASON

Celebrating Our 25th Anniversary!

Holiday Prelude Concert

Sunday, November 23, 2025 – 3 pm



Spring Concert

Happy 250th Birthday, America!

Sunday, March 15, 2026 – 3 pm

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

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Both concerts at
First Congregational
Church of Danbury, CT

HOLIDAY PRELUDE CONCERT

November 23, 2025

Sing Joy - We open the program with a superb collection of favorite carols emphasizing singing and joy in a glorious arrangement by Jay Althouse.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Dan Forrest's remarkable new vision for this beloved song brings a sparkling joy to the rejoicing angels, interspersed with gorgeous glorias building to a dramatic finale.

Love's Pure Light - Elaine Hagenberg has created an exquisite new melody for Joseph Mohr's *Silent Night*. The tenderness of the text is enhanced by her peaceful and ethereal choral arrangement, creating a new and memorable piece.

One Sweet Little Baby - Glenn McClure and Wes Kennison's gospel Christmas song relates the travels of the Holy Family to Bethlehem and Egypt as prophesied by Simeon.

Shout for Joy - This traditional spiritual has been given a new and exciting choral arrangement by the great André Thomas.

Song for a Winter's Night - A lovely ballad by Canadian singer/songwriter Gordon Lightfoot expresses the desire to be with loved ones on a cold, snowy night.

The Star - Nominated for Best Original Song at the 75th Golden Globe Awards, this inspiring song was written and sung by Mariah Carey for the 2017 animated movie *The Star*.

They Had Joy! - The ultimate joyous Southern Gospel version of the Wise Men's journey as they follow the star to find the baby boy in the manger.

Plus a tapestry of glorious Christmas refrains, music for Hanukkah, the New Year, and more!

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 _____
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