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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 enters our 26th season, I remain as excited as I was when the group began. We have performed over 600 unique pieces by nearly 500 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

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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Our 26th 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.
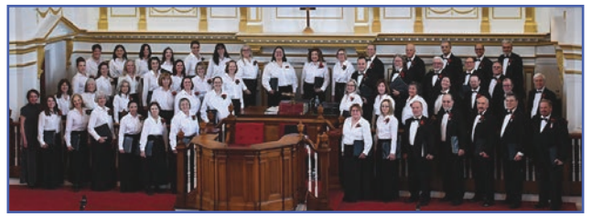
In addition to the regularly scheduled performances, our accomplishments include a Christmas Concert at the White House, a U.S. premiere performance at Lincoln Center, three Carnegie Hall appearances, as well as concerts at West Point, Madison Square Garden, and with the Ridgefield Symphony - all by invitation. We won the annual McDonald's Gospelfest Competition three years in a row and have appeared on ABC TV.

We begin our 26th season with our annual Holiday Prelude Concert on November 22nd. The concert will include a unique variety of selections for Christmas, Winter, Advent, and Hanukkah, joyous carols, gospel, jazz, swing and more. A special feature will be "An Eastern European Holiday", with music from Romania, Russia, Slovakia, and Ukraine.

On April 4th, we will present **CREATION**, by Dan Forrest, who unfolds a spectacularly sweeping score in his newest and most expansive work. Designed as a symphonic masterwork, it explores the wonders of creation through a dazzling variety of musical expressions.

Critics have hailed CREATION's cinematic quality, called it Dr. Forrest's "most sophisticated composition" to date, "the most joyful, exuberant piece of music I've ever heard", and described it as "a thrill!".

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Connecticut Master Chorale Orchestra

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Both concerts at First Congregational Church of Danbury, CT

Holiday Prelude Concert
Sunday, November 22, 2026 – 3 pm

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Spring Concert
CREATION
by Dan Forrest
Sunday, April 4, 2027 – 3 pm

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HOLIDAY PRELUDE CONCERT
November 22, 2026
"Rejoice!"

Rejoice! Christ is Born! - Our program opens with a jubilant and joyous Christmas medley of *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice, The Snow Lay on the Ground* and *Adeste Fideles*. Rejoice!

Auld Lang Syne - Poet Robert Burns translated an old text and originally set it to this traditional Scottish tune. Dan Forrest's gorgeous arrangement brings new attention to the source of this song about looking back and preserving old friendships.

Seasons - Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo's lovely, gentle and evocative work with lyrics by Charles Anthony Silvestri explores the unique qualities of each of the four seasons.

AN EASTERN EUROPEAN CHRISTMAS - Four diverse festive selections from Slovakia, Romania, Russia and the ever-popular *Carol of the Bells* from Ukraine.

Look Who Just Checked In - Gospel writers and singers Daryl Williams and Stephen Hill wrote this outstanding high-energy favorite proclaiming the news that the long-awaited baby has been born.

Mistletoe and Holly - This holiday pops tune was co-written, recorded and made famous by the multi-talented Frank Sinatra. Mark Hayes has written a great nostalgic swing arrangement for chorus and big band.

Something to Shout About - The title says it all! Incorporating "Go Tell it on the Mountain", this inspiring and exhilarating gospel finale from the musical *Christmas is Jesus* will have everyone clapping and dancing in the aisles!

Plus a brilliant medley of carols, music for Advent, Hanukkah, and other seasonal selections.

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