

Cathedral Concerts

— IN THE EVENING —

Canton Symphony Chorus

Chad E. Pittman, conductor

Lisa Madaffer, collaborative pianist



Saturday May 20, 2023

4:00 pm

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
MASSILLON, OHIO

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MY SOUL CRIES...

Bright Morning Stars Shawn Kirchner

*Bright morning stars are rising;
Day is breaking in my soul!*

Awake, My Soul, and Sing! Victor C. Johnson

*Awake, my soul and sing a song of jubilation!
Awake, my soul and sing with joy and exultation!*

Ballade to the Moon..... Daniel Elder

*And as the darkened hours flee, my heart beats ever rapidly.
Though heavy hangs my eyes with sleep
My singing soul, it cries to thee:
Come, sing with me!*

Requiem for My Best Friend..... Fred Linxweiler

- I. *The Prayer*
- II. *The Parting*
- III. *Light*

Monique Casteel, soprano
Robin Seaton Rokisky, mezzo soprano
Kenneth Stewart, bass

Intermission - Freewill Offering

Te Deum..... Antonín Dvořák

- I. *Allegro moderato, maestoso*
- II. *Vivace*

*We praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory everlasting.*

Prayer..... René Clausen

Flood my soul with your spirit and life

Here's to Song..... Allister MacGillivray
Arr. Diane Loomer and Larry Nikel

*Here's to song, here's to time; here's to both with friends of mine;
Kings have riches widely lain, Lords have land, but then again, we have friends and song no wealth can buy.*

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THE CANTON SYMPHONY CHORUS

Permanently founded in 1983 by then music director Dr. Jeffrey H. Brandes, the *Canton Symphony Chorus* is an auditioned choral ensemble composed of all volunteer singers from the Northeast Ohio area and beyond. Chorus members come from all walks of life and have a wide array of choral experience levels. They are united in love for music and strive to create remarkable music experiences wherever they perform.

The *CSO* Chorus appears several times throughout the season with the Canton Symphony Orchestra for the annual *Holiday Pops* and at least one major work on the *Masterworks Series* each season. Under the direction of Chad E. Pittman, the chorus prepared a solo concert for the community to finish the year.

The *Canton Symphony* Chorus practices Monday evenings, September through May, from 7:00pm-9:30pm at the *Birk Center for the Arts* at Walsh University. Auditions are held periodically throughout the season.



Chad E. Pittman is a full-time musician-conductor, educator and organist-who believes in the amazing transformational power of music. Active as a presenter and clinician in the greater Ohio choral community and beyond, he is Director of Choruses for the Canton Symphony Orchestra. He serves as Director of Music and Organist for St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Massillon, where he leads the ensembles, facilitates a weekly program of guest artists in worship, and coordinates Cathedral Concerts in the Evening, the church's newly established professional concert series.

Chad is co-founder of Two Men and a Bench, a traveling organ duo, with duet partner Mark Thewes. Since 2013, the two have presented concerts in churches and concert halls across the country. He is also active in the Paderewski Duo, a collaboration with violinist, Wanda Sobieska. Raised in northeast Ohio and completing a successful decade in public school choral music education, Chad is currently a doctoral student at Kent State University and studies in the summer Choral Conducting program at Michigan State University. He holds the Master of Educational Administration from Cleveland State and a Bachelor of Music Education and Organ from the Baldwin Wallace Conservatory of Music.



Pianist, **Lisa Madaffer**, earned her Bachelor of Music in piano performance and music theory, summa cum laude and with departmental honors, from Kent State University and her Master of Music from Bowling Green State University. She went on to do post master's work at the Cleveland Institute of Music. She was the 1987 winner of the Tuesday Musical Club competition and the 1989 runner-up in the MTNA Competition. As the winner of the BGSU concerto competition, she performed the Schumann Piano Concerto with the university orchestra under the baton of Robert Spano.

On the faculty of Walsh University since 1997, Ms. Madaffer conducts the University Handbell Ensemble, teaches Fundamentals of Musicianship, Intro to Arts Appreciation (VPA 101), applied piano and collaborates with the Chorale, Chamber Singers, student and faculty performers throughout the year. She also serves as the rehearsal accompanist for the Canton Symphony Chorus and is employed at First Presbyterian Church in Barberton as the organist/pianist.

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CONCERT SEASON 2022-2023

Chad Pittman Organ Concert
August 26, 2022 • 7:00 pm

**Isabelle Demers, Internationally
Acclaimed Concert Organist**
September 25, 2022 • 5:00 pm



**Paderewski Duo: Wanda Sobieska, violin
and Chad Pittman, organ and piano**
October 30, 2022 • 5:00 pm

**Ohio State University Men's and Women's Glee Club
Choirs**
with Northwest High School Choirs
November 20, 2022 • 4:00 pm



Caroline Oltmanns, Internationally Renowned Pianist
February 19, 2023 • 5:00 pm

**Daniel Roth, World Renowned organist of St. Sulpice
Cathedral in Paris**
March 12, 2023 • 5:00 pm

Harmony Ringers of A Chorus for a Cause
April 23, 2023 • 6:30 pm

**Two Men and a Bench Organ Duo: Chad Pittman and
Mark Thewes**
May 19, 2023 • 7:00 pm



Canton Symphony Chorus Solo Concert
May 20, 2023 • 4:00 pm

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*Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM