

Cathedral Concerts

— AT ST. PAUL'S —

OPUS 216

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Massillon, Ohio

Sunday, March 9, 2025

4:00 pm



Musicians:

Ariel Karas, violin

Brian Slawta, viola

Trevor Kazarian, cello

Steven Brija, bass

Patrick Duke Graney, percussion

Program



Excerpts from *Grand Trio in E-Flat Major*

Ludwig van Beethoven
(1770-1827)

"Limestone and Felt"

Caroline Shaw (b. 1982)

Passacaglia in G Minor for Violin and Viola

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)/
Johan Halvorsen (1864-1935)

"Méditation" from *Thaïs*

Jules Massenet (1842-1912)

INTERMISSION

Selections of French and South American jazz, folk music,
and love songs



OPUS 216

Trained at top-tier conservatories like the world-renowned Cleveland Institute of Music, Manhattan School of Music, Juilliard and others, our musicians make Cleveland their home for its vibrancy, professional development opportunities, arts and culture. When they aren't performing events with OPUS 216, ensemble musicians perform nationally and internationally, from Lincoln Center in New York City, to subbing with major orchestras, such as the Chicago Symphony, Pittsburgh Symphony, Cleveland Orchestra, Atlanta Symphony, and others. Ensemble musicians have performed onstage across the country with everyone from John Legend to Michael Bublé, Brian Wilson, Andrea Bocelli, and more.

Welcome to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Dear Friends in Christ,

We are delighted to extend to you a warm welcome to our Cathedral Concert today. It is our pleasure to invite you to join us for an evening of inspiring music and community fellowship.

Our concert series has become a cherished tradition in our community, in which we gather to celebrate the beauty of music and the unity it brings.

In addition to the concerts, we also invite you to join us for our Sunday Worship services. Our worship services provide an opportunity for us to come together in faith, togetherness, and spiritual growth. We meet for worship every Sunday at 10 am, and your presence would be a meaningful addition to our congregation.

We are excited about the potential for a deeper connection between our two spiritual communities and look forward to sharing these meaningful experiences with you. We hope you will find inspiration, solace, and joy in both the Cathedral Concerts and our worship services.

For more information, please visit our website at stpaulsmassillon.org. Also, please feel free to contact me at revmkreemer@gmail.com or (330) 864-7409. We hope you enjoy a wonderful afternoon of music, and we look forward to seeing you for worship.

With warm regards and anticipation,

Rev. Mark Kreemer

Senior Pastor



Welcome to this afternoon's musical offering as we present OPUS 216 to St. Paul's. Equally versed in classical and non-classical styles, OPUS 216 has created a niche experience for high-level performances that can cover any genre, from classical to French café jazz, Top 40, hip hop, South American jazz, Irish fiddle, original music, and improvisation, and we hope you will enjoy their very diverse program today! Music is such an integral part of every community, and it is our honor to contribute to the musical community in Massillon.

May God give us faith to sing always,

Dr. Abigail Haake

Director of Music



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2024-2025 Concert Series