

Cathedral Concerts

— AT ST. PAUL'S —

OPUS 216

String Ensemble

November 9, 2025, 4 pm



Ariel Karas, *violin*
Victor Beyens, *violin*
Brian Slawta, *viola*
Trevor Kazarian, *cello*
Alex Carroll, *bass*

2025-2026 Concert Series

THE PROGRAM

Ain't Misbehavin'	Fats Waller (1904-1943)
Honeysuckle Rose	Waller
The Charleston	James Johnson (1894-1955)
Maple Leaf Rag	Scott Joplin (1868-1917)
Lullaby for String Quartet	George Gershwin (1898-1937)
String Quartet No. 2 in G Major (Unfinished)	Florence Price (1887-1953)

—Intermission—

Berceuse, Op. 40, No. 2	Amy Beach (1867-1944)
String Quartet No. 3	Philip Glass (b. 1937)
Hope	Trevor Kazarian (b. 1989)
Soundscape	OPUS 216
Hoe Down	Aaron Copland (1900-1990)



OPUS 216: "Classically Trained, Unbound by Genre"

Founded in 2012 by violinist Ariel Clayton Karas, OPUS 216 has appeared in every major venue in Northeast Ohio, from special events at the Cleveland Museum of Art and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, to public and private events at Quicken Loans Arena, Progressive Field, Holden Arboretum, Cleveland History Center, Cleveland Botanical Gardens, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, and special events for the Cleveland Cavaliers, the Pro Football Hall of Fame, among others.

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.

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.

Upcoming Cathedral Concert: February 22 at 4:00 PM
Dr. Emery Stephans, Baritone



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Message from St. Paul's Director of Music:

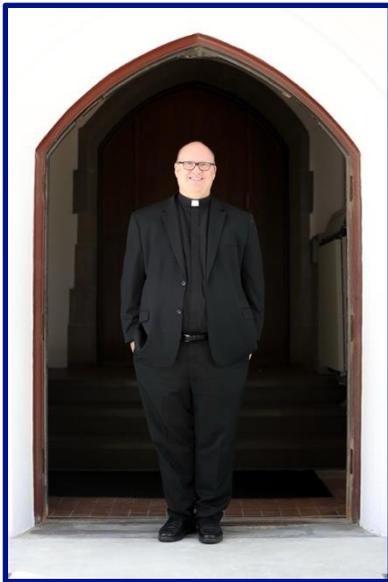
Welcome to our third concert of the season in our beautifully renovated space! Irish singer and songwriter Bono once said that “music can change the world because it can change people,” and we are so glad you are here to connect with us through the gift of music.

We are fortunate to be able to offer these concerts to the community at no cost and are exceedingly grateful for all our donors whose financial support helps to make our series possible.

Though our concert series is taking a break for the holiday season, we still have some wonderful music offerings for you to enjoy. On Sunday, November 30 (Advent I), the Madrigal Singers from Firestone CLC will be with us during our 10:00 am worship service. That afternoon at 4:00 pm, they will provide entertainment for our Feast of Charcuterie and Confections. Tickets are \$20 for humans aged 11 and up, and \$10 for 10 and under.

On Sunday, December 7, our music ministry will once again participate in Massillon's Candlelight Walk, and we will offer near continuous music from 5:00-7:00 PM. Stop by during that time to hear our adult choir, handbell choir, and various vocal and instrumental solos and ensembles offer music of the season!

May God give us faith to sing always,
Dr. Abigail Haake



Message from St. Paul's Senior Pastor:

Good afternoon, and welcome to St Paul's Lutheran Church and to our Cathedral Concert Series. It is a joy to share this time of music with you in this sacred space. We believe that music has a way of lifting hearts, opening minds, and drawing us closer to the beauty of God's presence.

On behalf of our congregation, I want to extend a special word of gratitude for your being here tonight. Whether you are a longtime friend of this series or joining us for the very first time, we are glad you are part of this gathering.

As you enjoy the gifts of tonight's performance, I also want to invite you to return and join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 10 am. Each week, we gather in this same space to celebrate God's grace, to be renewed in faith, and to share in the fellowship of Christ. You will find a warm welcome here, and we would be delighted to see you again.

Thank you for coming, and may this afternoon's music be a blessing to you.

With warm regards and anticipation,
Rev. Mark Kreemer