

*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.

Her success has been enthusiastically confirmed by a music critic who wrote, "Once again Heidrich and the Connecticut Master Chorale demonstrated the flawless vocal execution and high level of their musicianship, as well as imaginative programming."

*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.

**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.

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

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## The Connecticut Master Chorale

was founded in 1999 by Music Director and Conductor Tina Johns Heidrich with the concept of forming an exceptional group, capable of singing the traditional choral repertoire to the highest standards and able to perform her signature eclectic programming with versatility and enthusiasm. Now in our eighteenth season, critics have described us as "first rate singing from a first rate chorale" and "they have firmly established themselves as the leading vocal group in the area."

In addition to regularly scheduled performances, our other accomplishments include a Christmas Concert at the White House, a U.S. premiere performance at Lincoln Center, three Carnegie Hall concerts, 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.

Our recordings had been featured on WMNR Fine Arts Radio in Connecticut.

We will begin the 2016-2017 season with our annual **Holiday Prelude Concert** at the **First Congregational Church of Danbury**.

**This popular concert has become a tradition for many and features jubilant sounds of the season in an eclectic collection of outstanding festive choral music,** accompanied by brass ensemble.

Featured is "A Dave Brubeck Christmas", works by John Rutter, Dan Forrest, and John Williams, music for Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, and Advent, multi-cultural numbers, and spirituals - culminating in a rousing gospel number.

In April, we will present **Misa a Buenos Aires (Misatango)** by Argentinian composer Martin Palmeri. Here the ancient beauty of the Latin Choral Mass is combined with the rhythm and melodic design of the tango.

Also on the program is the long-awaited new major composition by John Rutter, **The Gift of Life**. This six-movement work is a choral celebration of the earth and creation. Offering a kaleidoscope of moods, with colorful text settings and beautiful lyric melodies, this is Mr. Rutter at his best!

# Connecticut Master Chorale

## HOLIDAY PRELUDE CONCERT November 20, 2016

**Canticle of Joy!** - This vibrant opener combines "Joy to the World" and "How Great Our Joy" with innovative writing and rhythmic energy!

**Festival First Nowell** - From the opening measures, Dan Forrest's massive and creative setting of this foundational carol implies something marvelous is in store.

**Fantasia on Hark! The Herald Angels Sing** - New and unique, this strong and energetic arrangement, also by Dan Forrest, will truly create a captivating experience.

**A DAVE BRUBECK CHRISTMAS:** Three selections from his "Fiesta de la Posada"; A Christmas Choral Pageant: **Gloria, Sleep, Holy Infant, Sleep** and **God's Love Made Visible** - in the distinct Brubeck 5/4 meter.

**Prepare Ye the Way** - masterful writing and driving rhythms offer a dynamic setting of this Advent text.

**Oh, Jerusalem, in the Morning** - A traditional spiritual is given new life in this vivacious a cappella setting.

**You're All I Want for Christmas** - this tender holiday standard in an elegant jazz-flavored setting was popularized by Bing Crosby, and the Andrew Sisters.

**The Christmas Waltz** - Originally written for and premiered by Frank Sinatra as the B-side of his White Christmas recording, this holiday favorite by Sammy Cahn and Julie Styne has been performed by more than forty famous artists, including Rosemary Clooney, Tony Bennett and Harry Connick, Jr.

**Somewhere In My Memory** - From the motion picture "Home Alone", John Williams' song captures timeless beauty, reminding us of the innocence and magic of childhood

**A King Is Coming to Town!** - Christmas with an authentic gospel feel! It's hard to stay still when you hear this exuberant, joyful arrangement. "Get up! Go find your promise. A King is coming to town!"

**Other seasonal selections include a stirring Hanukkah number, music for Thanksgiving, and multi-cultural numbers that**

## Connecticut Master Chorale - CD Order Form

2015 Holiday Prelude Concert	x_____
2014 Holiday Prelude Concert	x_____
2013 Holiday Prelude Concert	x_____
2012 Holiday Prelude Concert	x_____
2010 Holiday Prelude Concert	x_____
2009 Holiday Prelude Concert	x_____
I Hear America Singing	x_____
Around the World in 80 Minutes	x_____
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10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert (2009)	x_____
Rossini: Stabat Mater	
Puccini Choruses	x_____
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Mack Wilberg: Four American Folk Hymns	x_____
Karl Jenkins: Requiem & Adiemus	
Vaughan Williams: Bless Ye the Lord	x_____
Glenn McClure: A Caribbean Mass	
André Thomas: Songs From My Heart	x_____
John Rutter: Mass of the Children	
John Rutter: Feel the Spirit	x_____

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## 2016-2017 SEASON

### Both concerts at First Congregational Church of Danbury, CT

### Holiday Prelude Concert

Sunday, November 20, 2016 - 3 pm



### Misa a Buenos Aires

by Martín Palmeri

plus

### The Gift of Life

by John Rutter

Sunday, April 2, 2017 - 3 pm

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

For tickets, call (203) 743-0473

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