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About the Series:

The concert series started in 2001 as an opportunity for church members to invite their friends and neighbors to quality artistic events. Over the years the series has become a fixture in the community and has featured a host of outstanding soloists and ensembles including Bill Mays and the Inventions Trio, Simple Gifts folk duo, The Hickory Project, PSU "Essence of Joy" ensemble, Presbybop Jazz Quartet, organist Mark Laubach, the Lyric Consort, and others.



All arts events in this series will take place at First Presbyterian Church, 300 School Street, Clarks Summit, PA 18411.

These events are offered as a gift to enrich the cultural and artistic life of our community. All people are welcome!



The Arts
at First Presbyterian Church

2023 –2024 Program Schedule

Autumn Serenade

Virtuosity with the Bill Mays Trio

Sunday, October 15, 2023 4:00 pm

All - Church Recital

Singers, ringers, and soloists

Sunday, November 19, 2023 4:00 pm

Northeastern PA Chamber Music Society

Classical music to melt the winter

Sunday, January 14, 2024 4:00 pm

Clarks Summit Festival of Ice

Winter weekend of art, music, and fun

Dates to be announced

Marywood Music Showcase

University faculty in recital

Sunday, March 3, 2024 4:00 pm

Spring Can Really Hang You Up

Jazz with the Presbybop Sextet

Sunday, April 21, 2024 4:00 pm

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Autumn Serenade

Sunday, October 15, 2023

4:00 pm

The Bill Mays Trio



The pianist Bill Mays brings bassist Dean Johnson and drummer Ron Vincent for an afternoon of jazz, featuring music from their latest CD. With a top-shelf career spanning sixty years, Mays has performed with the likes of Frank Sinatra, Phil Woods, and Gerry Mulligan. A prolific composer, and heard on countless movie scores, Bill's trio will dazzle us with its artistry.

All-Church Recital

Sunday, November 19, 2023

4:00 pm

Musicians in our church family offer an afternoon of music for choirs, bells, vocalists, and instrumental soloists. It is



our annual celebration of talent, given as a gift to the community and offered to lift the spirits of our audience. Your hearts will soar—and your feet will tap.

Music to Melt the Winter

Sunday, January 14, 2024

4:00 pm

NEPA Chamber Music Society

We welcome back **John Michael Vaida**, the brilliant violinist, for a concert of chamber music. He will be joined by other luminaries who perform with the NEPA Chamber Music Society in a program of string sextet music. The featured work is Tchaikovsky's "Souvenir de Florence," a powerful composition in four movements, and the only string sextet written by the composer.



Clarks Summit Festival of Ice Midwinter (Dates TBA)

Join us for a fun weekend that chases away the blues of winter. We plan to host a variety of activities for the whole family. There will be music, an art show, an ice sculpture, and a Chili Café to get a warm lunch. As we wait for the date to be set by the organizers in our community, we look forward to this creative and fun event.



Many of our concerts will be live-streamed and recorded on the Arts at FPCCS YouTube page. Visit www.fpccs.org for details.

Marywood Music Showcase

Sunday, March 3, 2024

4:00 pm

Faculty from Marywood University



Members of the music faculty at Marywood University will present an afternoon recital of music by Piazzolla, Faure, Schubert, with some extraordinary surprises!

Featured musicians will include:

Samantha Guevrekian, soprano

Elise Bond, clarinet

Diogo Carvalho, guitar

Rick Hoffenberg, piano

Spring Can Really Hang You Up

Sunday, April 21, 2024

4:00 pm

Bill Carter and the Presbybop Sextet



April "mixes memory and desire," wrote the poet T.S. Eliot. This poignant springtime theme will be explored by the Presbybop Sextet in a musical celebration for Jazz Appreciation Month. The afternoon will feature the music of pianist Bill Carter and his late mentor Al Hamme, and coincides with the publication of Carter's new book, *Thriving on a Riff*.