

26th Annual Bach's Lunch



The week of March 15 – 19 will feature our traditional Bach's Lunch series for the 26th consecutive year, presenting some of the finest musical artists in this area. It was our intention to offer an organ recital by Loretta Gordon James, the former music director at Starmount and the founder of the Bach's Lunch series, but due to her recent knee surgery, we will have to wait until next year for her recital. This year, however, we have an exciting group of musicians to share their music with our Bach's Lunch patrons.

Here is our program for this year's series:

Monday, March 15 – Jodi Burns, soprano; Joshua Conyers, baritone; Nancy Johnston, piano

Jodi is a 2009 winner of the North Carolina district Metropolitan Opera National Council auditions and the winner of the Southeastern Regional auditions. She was a national semi-finalist in this competition. Josh was a 2010 North Carolina district Metropolitan Opera National Council auditions winner and received an encouragement award at the Southeastern Regional competition. Both are students of Dr. Marilyn Taylor and are currently students at the UNC School of the Arts in Winston-Salem, NC. They will be accompanied by Nancy Johnston of the UNCSA piano faculty.



Tuesday, March 16 – John Alexander, organ

John is the organist at First Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, NC and is a well-respected recitalist with great versatility and a wide-ranging repertoire of organ literature. He is in great demand as an organist in North Carolina and the surrounding area.



Wednesday, March 17 – Kensington Consort, vocal ensemble

This group of exceptional singers was featured in a concert at Starmount Church during the Christmas season, which showcased their superb ensemble singing as well as fine solo talents. North Carolina is fortunate to have a small, select vocal ensemble of this caliber.

Thursday, March 18 – Robert Campbell, French horn; Nancy Johnston, piano

Robert is the principal French horn player for both the Winston-Salem Symphony and the Greensboro Symphony orchestras. He will be partnered in this program by Nancy Johnston of the UNC School of the Arts music faculty on piano.



Friday, March 19 – Dr. Brooks Whitehouse, cello; Janet Orenstein, violin

Brooks is the principal cellist for the Winston-Salem Symphony and the co-principal cellist for the Greensboro Symphony. Janet Orenstein is a violist with the Greensboro Symphony.

More detailed biographies of our artists will be available in the concert program.

As always, our concerts will begin each day at 12:15pm and will last approximately 30 minutes each. Each concert will be followed by a complimentary lunch served in the Fellowship Hall. We invite you to come and invite a friend – or several friends! Don't miss the 26th annual Bach's Lunch concert series at Starmount Presbyterian Church!