



Because of people like you...

People who have an interest in enjoying and supporting the arts, the artist series we launched here at Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church in Huntley in 2019 has not only survived the Covid-19 Pandemic, but even thrived, thanks to technology and creativity.

Artist Series Mission Statement

The mission of the Shepherd of the Prairie (SOTP) Artist Series is to provide a platform where gifted artists can share their God-given talents, extending SOTP's community outreach by providing affordable, accessible cultural opportunities to the congregation and the region. Soli Deo Gloria!!

The History of the Artist Series

- **February 26, 2019** First Meeting of the Artist Series Team. Subsequent meetings have been held every 3rd Monday of each month since.
- **August 23, 2019** Gathering at the Solem home to establish founding donors.
- **June 17, 2022** Celebration party for major and prospective donors at the Solem home.

PROGRAMMING

2019

- August 18 Martin Marty, Celebrated Lutheran Theologian
- October 12 Illinois premiere of *The DaVinci Notebooks* by Jocelyn Hagan, featuring The Heartland Voices, Elgin Youth Symphony.
- November 16 Christopher Jackson, Tenor
- December 15 Christmas with The Heartland Voices, with participation from the SOTP Adult Choir

2020*

- January 25 “Mi Latinidad,” an evening of LatinX singing, dancing and culture, featuring our own SOTP member Alix Rhode
- March 7 and 8 Wartburg College Castle Singers (The choir gave a Saturday Concert, and led Sunday 9 am worship.)
- December 12 “Christmas Reflections of Hope, Comfort and Joy” (a live-streamed concert gala evening Hosted by SOTP member and WGN radio personality Orion Samuelson, featuring sacred and secular music celebrating the Christmas season that ranged from J.S. Bach to Irving Berlin)

*(*Programming during the 2020 season was severely abbreviated due to the COVID-19 pandemic.)*

2021

- May 8 Angelic Harp Duo
- July 3 “Happy Birthday America”: an instrumental ensemble featuring patriotic music
- September 18 “Beyond the Neighborhood”: the music of Fred Rogers, adapted by jazz artists Kevin Bales and Kerri Johnsrud
- December 4 “Christmas Joy”: a concert featuring brass works and The Caroling Party (an ensemble of Dickens-costumed carolers)

2022

- March 11 "The Noble Call" Paddy Homan, Irish Tenor and friends
- May 22 "Sing-a-thon of Celebrated Songs: a Program for Families to Play Together," featuring Jim Gill
- July 3 "An American Celebration" featuring Mark Olen and his American Classics Orchestra
- September 17 Monroe Crossing (Acclaimed Bluegrass Band)
- December Christmas Gala (date to be determined)

ARTIST SERIES TEAM

Jane McMullen, Chair

Chris Brittain

Lynn Broederdorf

Janet Fry

Curt Gerald

Jenifer McCann

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Thank you for your interest!!