



# CONGREGATIONAL CONCERTS 2009-2010

First Congregational Church  
444 East Broad St., Columbus 43215  
(next to the Columbus Museum of Art)  
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FREE  
Wheelchair accessible

## **September 27, 2009 at 4 pm**

**James E. Bobb**, new Minister of Music revels in the symphonic grandeur of Charles-Marie Widor's Sixth Symphony on the Kimball organ. The second half of the concert, on the von Beckerath organ, includes music of Johann Sebastian Bach and Vincent Persichetti's turbulent chorale prelude on his own hymn tune *Give Peace, O God*.

## **October 25, 2009 at 4 pm**

### **First Church Choral Society**

This concert honors the anniversary year of several composers in a Choral Society performance of the Coronation Anthem *Let thy hand be strengthened* by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759), the chorale cantata *Wer nur den leiben Gott läßt walten (If you but trust in God to guide you)* by Mendelssohn (1809-1847), and a motet by Purcell (1659-1695). Singers and string ensemble will be under the direction of James E. Bobb, who will also lead a Bach harpsichord concerto from the keyboard of the Bechtel French double harpsichord.

## **November 8, 2009 at 4 pm**

### **Chatham Baroque - Alchemy for Three, Pittsburgh PA**

This baroque violin, viola da gamba, and theorbo/lute/baroque guitar trio has thrilled audiences in Montreal, Mexico City, the British Virgin Islands, and all over the US with their dazzling technique and innovative interpretations of music of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. In its hometown, Chatham Baroque is repeatedly listed among the *Pittsburgh Post Gazette's* "Top 50 Cultural Forces." In this program, *Alchemy for Three*, the trio celebrates the capacity of music to transform, to make manifest out of wood, gut and horsehair that which stirs and awes, to transfigure three instruments and notes on a page into an exponent of soul. The program includes music of Biber, Schmeltzer, Bach, and others, much of which is vein of the *stylus fantasticus*, which came out of the virtuoso instrumental showmanship of the early Italian *stile moderno*, in which the technical capabilities of instruments are explored and treated with the expressive potential formerly reserved for the voice.

## **December 20, 2009 at 4 pm**

### **Festival of Lessons and Carols**

In the glow of candlelight and the warmth of beloved music, we gather to hear again the message of the angels. First Church choirs, ringers, and both Kimball and von Beckerath organs offer music by Orlando Gibbons, Michael Praetorius, John Gardner and others in this traditional service of scripture, carols, and congregational singing.

**February 7, 2010 at 4 pm**

**The Ohio State Men's Glee Club**

Don't miss this exciting concert under director Dr. Robert J. Ward. The Ohio State University Men's Glee Club is a brotherhood that commits itself to excellence through artistry, achievement in academics, and outreach to the community. The Men's Glee Club has been sharing music with the OSU campus, community and around the world since 1875.

**March 7, 2010 at 4 pm**

**First Church Choral Society**

This event is dedicated in joyful thanksgiving for the interim ministry of music of Marti Rideout at First Congregational Church from 2008-2009. James E. Bobb leads the Choral Society in a hymn festival with organ improvisations, choral repertoire, instruments, and the singing of hymns new and old by everyone.

**April 25, 2010 at 4 pm**

**Scott Dettra, organ**

Scott Dettra is Organist and Associate Director of Music at Washington National Cathedral, where he is responsible for the organ playing at more than 350 services per year and assists Music Director Michael McCarthy with the direction of the Cathedral choirs. Mr. Dettra is also assistant conductor and keyboard artist of both the Cathedral Choral Society and the Washington Bach Consort.

**Tuesdays at First: 12:15 free recital followed by homemade lunch(\$5) in Parish Hall**

October 6, 13, 20, 27, March 2, 9, 16, 23

**Compline: 9 pm**

September 20, October 18, November 15, January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16

