

WELCOME

Welcome to the 2014-2015 season of the Grace Church Concert Series—our fifteenth anniversary! The slate of top-notch performers includes something for everyone.

The celebratory season opens with the *Treble Choristers* of the Choir of Men and Boys from Saint Thomas Church, New York City. It has taken years to bring these exceptional boys to The Plains, so please note the *special performance time* of **Friday, October 17, at 7:30 pm**. The remaining concerts take place on Sundays at 5:00 pm. On November 9 we host the brilliant young cellist *Sebastian Bäverstam*—a leading virtuoso of the next generation. March 22 is our day to honor the Irish with a performance by two of the world’s greatest proponents of traditional Irish music: *Martin Hayes*, fiddle, and *Dennis Cahill*, guitar. As a season finale, internationally-acclaimed *Opera Lafayette* stages a chamber adaptation of the French comic opera that they will present a month later in Washington and New York at the end of their twentieth-anniversary season! Two anniversaries in one—what could be more festive?

It is my pleasure to join the staff of Grace Episcopal Church as Director of Music and Artistic Director of the Grace Church Concert Series. We invite you to order your season subscription now—it is the best way to guarantee a seat in our beautiful space. We look forward to welcoming you at Grace.

Jason Farris
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

On **Sunday, September 21, at 5:00 pm**, a special concert by Jason Farris will introduce our new director to the community. Please join us for the free recital followed by a reception to meet Dr. Farris.

THE GRACE CHURCH CONCERT COMMITTEE

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The Grace Church Concert Series is funded in part through the generosity of Mrs. Jacqueline Mars in memory of her mother, Mrs. Forrest Mars, who was devoted to music and loved Grace Church.

The Grace Church Concert Committee

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Directions To Grace Church

From Interstate 66, take Exit 31, The Plains, to Route 245 North. At the T-intersection, turn left on Main Street (Route 55 West). Grace Church is located in the first block on the left. A parking lot is located on the west side of the church.

For Further Information

Tickets are non-refundable and will be mailed after September 1st. Please call Grace Church at 540-253-5177 or visit our website at www.gracetheplains.org.

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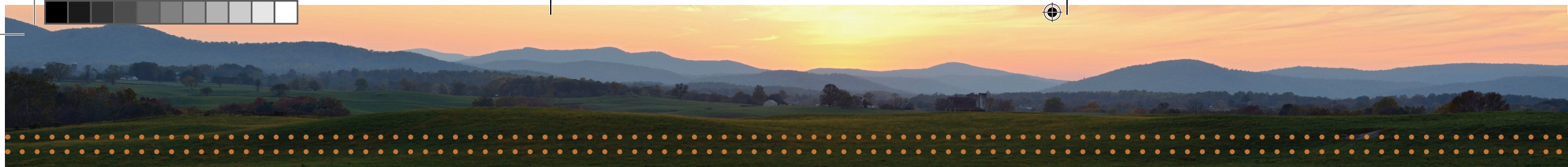
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OCTOBER 17

The Treble Choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Note Special Date and Time
Friday, October 17, 2014 at 7:30 pm

The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys from New York City is among the world’s finest choral groups, considered by critics to be the outstanding choral ensemble in the Anglican musical tradition in the USA today. The treble choristers (grades 3–8) attend Saint Thomas Choir School, the only church-affiliated boarding school of its kind in the USA, and one of only a few remaining in the world. Led by Director John Scott, the choir presents an annual concert series and sings five weekly and numerous feast day services, requiring the preparation of 400 pieces of sacred music each year. The choir tours annually in the USA and internationally; there are more than 20 recordings to its credit. Services and concerts are frequently broadcast around the world.

NOVEMBER 9

Sebastian Bäverstam CELLO
Sunday, November 9, 2014 at 5 pm

At the age of twenty-four, Sebastian Bäverstam is already established as a leader in his generation of virtuosos. Praised in *The Strad* for his “...powerfully expressive style” and “consummate instrumental mastery”, he tours internationally as both a recitalist and concerto soloist. A dual citizen of the USA and Sweden, Mr. Bäverstam is a competition winner, has been featured repeatedly on radio and television, and enjoys generous endorsements from a broad range of musical luminaries.

“Clearly, this is a young man on the move. And with the ambition to back up the talent, he’s headed for a major career...”
—MUSICAL AMERICA

MARCH 22

Martin Hayes and Dennis Cahill
IRISH DUO
Sunday, March 22, 2015 at 5 pm

Martin Hayes and Dennis Cahill, Irish fiddle and guitar, are one of the world’s great musical duos. They have toured North America, Europe, Australia and Japan, bringing sublime interpretations of Irish traditional music to venues from the Sydney Opera House to Buddhist temples. Martin Hayes has received major international awards, including (before he was 19) six All-Ireland fiddle championships. Dennis Cahill’s spare, essential accompaniment is acknowledged as a major breakthrough for guitar in Irish music.

“The remarkable duo has honed a ravishing repertoire by distilling the melodic essence of traditional tunes.”
—SEATTLE TIMES

APRIL 26

Opera Lafayette
GRÉTRY’S L’ÉPREUVE VILLAGEOISE
Sunday, April 26, 2015 at 5 pm

With its performances and recordings of baroque and classical operas, Washington’s internationally-acclaimed Opera Lafayette has earned “its own unique place in... America’s cultural life” (Anne Midgette, *The Washington Post*). The final production of its 20th anniversary season is a gem by André Grétry: *L’Épreuve Villageoise* (The Village Trial), depicting the tribulations of a small country town. A month before taking the full ensemble production to Washington and New York, Opera Lafayette will close our 15th season with a chamber version in the parish hall.

“Bringing little-known 18th-century French opera to the Opéra Royal at...Versailles takes audacity and confidence...Opera Lafayette, based in Washington, has done it twice.”
—INTERNATIONAL NY TIMES



The Treble Choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
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Martin Hayes and Dennis Cahill



Sebastian Bäverstam



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2014–2015 SEASON
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STEP 2: TICKET REQUEST

Subscription Series—Four (4) concerts

_____ # of Full Subscription(s) @ \$100 each = _____

_____ # of Free Child’s Ticket(s)
Limit: 1 free child’s ticket per subscription for ages 12 and under.

Single Tickets—Please indicate the quantities and concert selections below.
STUDENT TICKET PRICE: \$15

_____ The Treble Choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys @ \$25 per ticket = _____

_____ Sebastian Bäverstam @ \$25 per ticket = _____

_____ Martin Hayes and Dennis Cahill @ \$25 per ticket = _____

_____ Opera Lafayette @ \$25 per ticket = _____

Total = \$ _____

If you are unable to attend, you are invited to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Grace Church Concert Series. \$ _____

STEP 3: PAYMENT INFORMATION
Please make your check payable to *Grace Episcopal Church*.

STEP 4: RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR PAYMENT
Please send this order form to:
GRACE CHURCH CONCERT SERIES
Grace Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 32, The Plains, VA 20198

Tickets are non-refundable and will be mailed after September 1st. As seating is strictly limited, every person (including children) must have a ticket. You may donate unused tickets and return them to the church at your earliest convenience.