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“MUSIC RISING TO A HIGH C” CLASSICAL CONCERT SERIES AT CHRIST THE KING

Season kicks off Sept. 27 with “London to Broadway”

Featuring Emerald Coast’s finest musicians

Free Concerts, Open to Public

SANTA ROSA BEACH (Sept. 22, 2015) - Christ the King Episcopal Church (CtK) is proud to announce the upcoming concert series schedule for “Music Rising to a High C” under the direction of Music Director Dr. David Ott. The classical concert series will run September 2015 to March 2016 and feature Northwest Florida’s finest musicians including the Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus and star soloists performing classical masterworks and beloved tunes.

All concerts are free and open to the public. Enjoy the beauty of great classical music within the stunning architectural setting of CtK performed by the finest musicians in the Northwest Florida region.

The season’s programming ranges from **well-loved audience favorites** to **rarely-heard gems**. Highlights familiar to audiences are the Haydn’s triumphant 104th Symphony, the “London”; Mozart’s “Ave Verum Copus,” George Gershwin and original pieces from famed composer and Director Dr. David Ott.

“There is no more beautiful place to make music come alive than Christ the King,” said Dr. David Ott, Director of Music Ministries at CtK and acclaimed composer and world-renowned musician.

The Orchestra’s holiday season offerings include a beloved tradition—performances by the Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus performing Bach’s Magnificat and traditional carols.

CtK is no stranger to classical performances as the church has hosted a wide variety of musicians and composers through the years.

The Rev. Carl Bright, the first rector at CtK recently said, “These concerts are the fulfillment of a dream and a vision I had when we were designing our beautiful new church years ago! Thank you, Jesus!”

“I feel so blessed to have inherited such a rich tradition of musical excellence here at Christ the King Episcopal Church,” said The Rev. Richard Gillespie Proctor, the new rector of CtK. “We are thrilled that Dr. Ott is carrying on this tradition by offering free classical music concerts to the Emerald Coast community.”

The six concert performances are free and open to the public.

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2015-2016 Concert Series
“Music Rising to a High C” Schedule



Location for all Sunday concerts:

Christ the King Episcopal Church
480 N. County Highway 393
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

From London to Broadway

September 27, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

With a show-stopping season opening concert featuring show tunes and classical pieces, ***From London to Broadway*** sets the stage for a spectacular year of magnificent music with this unique line-up. Hosted by Christ the King Episcopal Church in Santa Rosa Beach, this performance will include Haydn's triumphant 104th Symphony, the "London," "Kyrie" from Durufle's Requiem, Mozart's "Ave Verum Corpus," Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," and the music of George Gershwin and local composer Dr. David Ott. All concerts are free and open to the public. Enjoy the beauty of great classical music within the stunning architectural setting of Christ the King Episcopal Church performed by the finest musicians in the Northwest Florida region.

From Bach to Shepherd on the Rock

October 25, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

Join us at Christ the King Episcopal Church for *From Bach to Shepherd on the Rock* concert series. The magnificence of organ music is on full display as Dr. David Ott performs the massive *Prelude and Fugue in E Minor* of J. S. Bach accompanied with the vocals of talented soprano Maija Currie and musician Nancy Saleeby. The splendor of great music continues with the lovely *Shepherd on the Rock* composed by one of classical music's greatest melodists Franz Schubert. All concerts are free and open to the public. Enjoy the beauty of great classical music within the stunning architectural setting of Christ the King Episcopal Church performed by the finest musicians in the Northwest Florida region.

Christmas Spectacular

December 6, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

This "can't miss" program features Christmas and holiday favorites that will delight everyone who loves music featuring the Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus. The classical music lover will thrill to Bach's *Magnificat* based on Mary's immortal words at the time of the Annunciation. A lively mixture of sacred and secular much-loved Christmas music will be topped off by a carol sing by orchestra, chorus and audience. Coupled with the beautiful sanctuary of Christ the King Episcopal Church and this will be a holiday performance no one will soon forget. All concerts are free and open to the public. Enjoy the beauty of great classical music within the stunning architectural setting of Christ the King Episcopal Church performed by the finest musicians in the Northwest Florida region.

Sopranos Supreme

January 17, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

Perennial soprano favorites Laura Hernandez and Sara Florence are featured at Christ the King Episcopal Church with their two “I can’t believe how much they sound alike” voices. From art songs to arias, solos and duets, this soprano duo will touch the heart as well as the ear. Special music by the great organ masters and more storytelling by Dr. David Ott make this concert one you don’t want to miss. All concerts are free and open to the public. Enjoy the beauty of great classical music within the stunning architectural setting of Christ the King Episcopal Church performed by the finest musicians in the Northwest Florida region.

Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus

February 14, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

Join us at Christ the King Episcopal Church for a special Valentine’s Day performance of one of the most dramatic and heart rending works in all of classical music literature: Mozart’s *Requiem*. Written under duress, this profoundly moving work reaches deep into the soul. It gives meaning to why composers give their lives to expressing themselves in music. All concerts are free and open to the public. Enjoy the beauty of great classical music within the stunning architectural setting of Christ the King Episcopal Church performed by the finest musicians in the Northwest Florida region.

Season Finale

March 13, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

The “Music Rising to a High C” concert season at Christ the King Episcopal Church concludes with acclaimed music by organ masters from Germany and France. A variety of musical performers join Dr. David Ott for an array of solo and chamber music delights. All concerts are free and open to the public. Enjoy the beauty of great classical music within the stunning architectural setting of Christ the King Episcopal Church performed by the finest musicians in the Northwest Florida region.

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