Concert Series

2015-2016

Presented by First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs

Concert Line
239-992-3410
ext. 250

Our 28th Season… and still getting better!

First Presbyterian Church is excited to offer another outstanding year of concert performances. These programs of first-class musical entertainment are presented to the Bonita Springs community free of charge as a way of welcoming all of our community to our church home. This is made possible by the support and generosity of the congregation, Concert Series sponsors, and through the freewill donations received at each performance.

Our sponsors are a significant part of the success of this series. Because of that, we offer a limited number of complimentary tickets to sponsors before they are made available to the community. Sponsors receive the added benefit of having tickets mailed directly to them, saving several trips to the ticket office to pick them up. Tickets will be mailed to the address indicated on the sponsorship form within 10 days of our receiving your sponsorship information. Names of sponsors will be displayed in the Narthex during concerts.

To become a sponsor, fill out the sponsorship form and return it with your donation. Please be sure to state clearly which performances you wish to attend and whether you prefer the afternoon or evening show. Ticket requests from sponsors will be filled in the order in which they are received. Due to the popularity of this series, we cannot guarantee that we can supply all of the tickets you request. Substitutions may be made if we cannot supply the tickets requested.

Those who choose not to be sponsors will have access to the remaining free tickets after the sponsor requests have been filled. These tickets may be picked up at the Concert Ticket Office at the church beginning 10 days prior to each concert. A maximum of two tickets per person will be given out.

Sponsorship Policy

- Sponsors at the $75 solo level may request 1 ticket to each event selected.
- Sponsors at the $150 level may request 2 tickets to each event selected.
- Tickets will be mailed to SPONSORS. There will be no need to come to the ticket office to pick up your tickets.
- Additional complimentary tickets, if available, may be picked up at the ticket office in person beginning 10 days prior to each concert (limit 2 per person).

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The Stardust Memories Big Band

November 20, 2015 (Friday) | **7:30 PM**

Climb onboard a musical time machine! Come hear the original arrangements made famous by Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, Artie Shaw, Duke Ellington and Count Basie during *The Swing Era*. A band dedicated to preserving the legacy of this truly American art form, its members are among Southwest Florida's finest professional musicians. Their mission: to recreate the complex brassy big band classics the way they were meant to be heard. Come and bask in the nostalgic glow with *In the Mood, Begin the Beguine, Moonlight Serenade* and *Chattanooga Choo Choo*.

The Ditchfield Family A Christmas Celebration

December 11, 2015 (Friday)
3:00 & 7:30 PM

Singing Christmas carols is where it all began for this family ensemble that has been wowing audiences for over 15 years. Acclaimed for their close harmony and musical diversity, the Ditchfields present their Christmas program throughout the Southeast each December to share the heart of the holiday. Travel to Victorian England for traditional carols then through the Christmas classics made popular by favorite contemporary performers.

Embraceable You: The Music of George Gershwin

January 15, 2016 (Friday) | **3:00 & 7:30 PM**

The brainchild of musical theater performers Dean and Lisa Balkwill, this production will delight Gershwin lovers. The plot is loosely based on *An American in Paris* and involves a Parisian romance between an American named Bill and Marie Clair, a French lounge singer. Backed up by a four-piece band, the husband-and-wife duo will sing and dance their way through Paris… and into your heart.

Nicole Sasser and the Dynamics

January 29, 2016 (Friday) | **3:00 & 7:30 PM**

This high energy concert will blow you away as Nicole, backed by a 9-piece band, showcases her masterful trumpet technique and vocal prowess. Selections highlight unique arrangements of big band, swing and Broadway to famous classics from Herb Alpert and Chuck Mangione. Nicole will captivate you as the music moves from brassy to jazzy to sultry, reminiscent of the kind of magic spread by the likes of Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald and Duke Ellington.

The Four Freshmen

February 5, 2016 (Friday) | **3:00 & 7:30 PM**

Four parts harmony, a twist of elegance, a splash of swing and a whole lot of fun! The legendary sound that began in 1948 continues today. America's most enduring vocal group has headlined concerts around the globe from Moscow to Manhattan and released over 60 albums of their unique brand of vocal pop harmony. They have been honored with the Satchmo Award for their unique and enduring contribution to the living history of jazz. As the *Wall Street Journal* proclaims, "Long live The Four Freshmen, may they never graduate."

Barbary Coast Show Band

February 26, 2016 (Friday) | **3:00 & 7:30 PM**

Our good friends just keep getting better and better! Their latest show features plenty of toe-tappin' music and the great humor you've come to expect. First organized in 1967 to perform in St. Paul, Minnesota, the band has continued to perform and tour for over four decades. These seven entertaining musicians play 18 instruments. Their Dixieland and big band medleys are time-honored crowd-pleasers!

The Browns

March 4, 2016 (Friday) | **3:00 & 7:30 PM**

It's truly a family affair when The Browns hit the stage with their gospel music. Touring across the United States for 13 years, they have been awarded the Top Horizon Group of the Year for three years and Top 10 Mixed Group of the Year for four consecutive years. The Browns have performed at the Americana Theatre in Branson, and on Royal Caribbean and Carnival cruise ships. This award-winning group will inspire you with their close-knit harmony and talent, sharing music from the heart… family style!

Let's Hang On!

March 18, 2016 (Friday) | **3:00 & 7:30 PM**

This nationally touring show has been playing to sold out audiences from Las Vegas to New York for the past six years. Let's Hang On! captures the trademark vocal virtuosity, tight harmonies and crisp choreography that made The Four Seasons one of the greatest vocal groups of all time. You'll hear *Sherry, Big Girls Don't Cry, I've Got You Under My Skin, Can't Take My Eyes Off Of You, Silence Is Golden, Let's Hang On!* and many more hits of the 60's. Relive the classic "Jersey Boys" sound and look; don't miss this electrifying show!

We look forward to seeing you again this season.

Our thanks go out to you in advance for your generous support of the Concert Series.

Concert Series Ticket Office

Monday-Thursday, 9 AM-3:30 PM

Mail sponsorship form to:

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