

“The power of music,
that magician of magicians;
who lifts his wand and says his
mysterious word and all things real
pass away and the phantoms of your
mind walk before you
clothed in flesh.”

“Joan of Arc”, Mark Twain



Ah, where would the soul be without the creative expression of music? Here at the Northridge United Methodist Church we have a deep and abiding relationship with music and this passion enables us to share the love of God. Our musical groups for all ages — bell choirs, worship band, gifted soloists, wonderful directors, excellent organist at the new Schantz pipe organ, and also our Jazz Vespers performers — bless us all with their artistry.

It is from this passion that a new organization was designed to further grow our musical offerings. *Friends of Music* was born in the summer of 2011 and will present concert series to exalt our cause. Our inaugural events are a preamble to a full series we will offer in the fall of 2012, and we plan to continue year after year.

The artists who grace our stage are some of the finest musicians in the world today, and we are honored to have them here at NUMC.

It is our fervent hope that you will become a participant in the musical movement by sharing your support so that we might maintain this high level of talent in the future.

May we all enjoy the magical gifts of music, to stir the soul and lift our hopes.

To God be the Glory,
Rev. Steve Petty, Senior Pastor



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Amanda
McBroom

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Tim Howard

2012

INAUGURAL SEASON

Friends of Music



Internationally Renowned Leading Soprano
Carol Vaness
with Emerging Baritone, Christopher Grundy

Carol Vaness studied with David Scott, head of the opera and voice departments at CSUN. In 1976, she was selected for the Merola Program at San Francisco Opera.

She made her Metropolitan Opera debut in 1984 and has since sung at the major opera houses of Europe. She became an exemplary Mozartian, gaining a near monopoly on the role of Donna Anna. Pavarotti himself requested that she sing opposite him in his final performance at the Metropolitan Opera.



Suzanne performed with Vaness in the inaugural concert of the new Valley Performing Arts Center.

Suzanne Recer, pianist and vocal coach at CSUN, has been the Music Director of the Los Angeles Music Theatre Company and serves on the faculties of Chapman University and Glendale College.



Dr. Timothy Howard

Works Wonders on Organ

Timothy Howard is a locally, nationally and internationally known performer and teacher. He is Director of Music and Organist at Pasadena Presbyterian Church. He lectures in Music at CSUN and is head of the school's pipe organ program. Dr. Howard holds degrees from USC, Westminster Choir College and Biola University. He will play NUMC's thirty-two rank Schantz pipe organ built in 2009.

His performances have been hailed as "precision-cut" and filled with "superb grace and elan". His work as a composer and arranger may be heard on Angel and Briro Records.

March 23, 2012

Tickets are available online at www.northridgeumc.org/fom

All 3 Concerts	\$60.00
Individual Tickets	25.00
Students	7.00 with ID

Tickets may be printed in advance from a desktop computer or purchased at the door as available.

ALL CONCERTS START AT 7:30PM

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A Feast for the Ears and the Heart
Amanda McBroom

Amanda McBroom has been called ... "the greatest cabaret performer of her generation; an urban poet who writes like an angel and has a voice to match". Her name first came to the attention of the music public when she wrote THE ROSE; Bette Midler's version of the song hit number one worldwide in 1979.

Her songs have also been sung by Leanne Rimes, Barry Manilow and Judy Collins, just to name a few.

Growing audiences worldwide are now convinced that the best interpretations of McBroom songs are by McBroom herself and applaud her in concert halls around the world.

