



Who's performing at the Fifth Biennial Michigan Festival of Sacred Music, November 12-22, 2009?

Bob Rowe & Company
 Common Chords
 David Briggs
 Southern Straight Singers
 Yale Strom & Hot Pstromi
 CUBE
 Techung
 University of Pushkin Choir
 Rohan Krishnamurthy
 & Prasant Radhakrishnan
 Sweet Honey in the Rock®
 NAEA GospelFest Choir
 Ted & Company with Ken Medema
 The Afro-Semitic Experience

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Fifth Biennial Michigan Festival of Sacred Music

You are cordially invited to join us at the Michigan Festival of Sacred Music (MFSM) as we celebrate the amazing musical diversity of the many faiths on our planet. Appearing for the first time will be the Native American musical group, Southern Straight Singers; organist David Briggs; CUBE; Common Chords, a group that celebrates the common roots of Muslim and Jewish music; The Afro-Semitic Experience, a cross-cultural band that is “actively creating an artistic response to anti-Semitism and Racism of all forms;” Tibetan singer, Techung; and the Klezmer band Hot Pstromi. Returning are Bob Rowe, Ted & Company with Ken Medema, Rohan Krishnamurthy, and Yale Strom and Elizabeth Schwartz.

We are pleased to announce an increase in the number of collaborative events for this festival. David Briggs will present the Briner Lecture at the First Presbyterian Church. We will partner with the Kalamazoo Russian Festival for the University of Pushkin Choir Concert, with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra for *Sacred Seasons*, and with the American Guild of Organists Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo Chapters for David Briggs’ master classes. Kalamazoo Valley Community College will host the screening of Yale Strom’s documentary at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum. The Kalamazoo Public Library is helping sponsor the two performances by Southern Straight Singers, and Miller Auditorium is bringing the award-winning gospel sextet of African-American women, Sweet Honey in the Rock® to Kalamazoo just in time to headline our festival. The NAEA GospelFest Choir will open the Sweet Honey concert.

Wait, that’s not all. There will be a screening of the 1925 silent film, *Ben-Hur* with organ improvisation by David Briggs and a special pre-KSO concert luncheon presentation at the Park Club with Yale Strom.

We look forward to seeing you at the festival.



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth J. Start".

Dr. Elizabeth J. Start
MFSM Executive Director

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SPECIAL FESTIVAL EVENTS

Sunday, November 1, 7 p.m.

Kevin P. Myles, Detroit-area gospel singer; Lamont McCoy and Kalamazoo gospel singers/groups present a concert at Galilee Baptist Church. A benefit for area shelters and food banks. Donations of food and personal care items will be accepted. Free will offering.

Galilee Baptist Church, 1216 N. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo
For more information, go to www.gbckazoo.org



Lamont McCoy

Monday, November 16, 8 p.m.

David Briggs master class on improvisation, First (Park) Congregational Church, 10 E. Park St. NE, Grand Rapids. Sponsored by the Grand Rapids Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

For more information, go to: www.grago.org or www.parkchurch.org



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

November 14–21, 14th Kalamazoo Russian Festival, sponsored by the Kalamazoo–Pushkin Partnership

Saturday, November 14, 8 p.m., Pushkin University Choir Concert (see next page)

Wednesday, November 18, 1 p.m., Convocation Concert, Dalton Center Recital Hall, WMU

Saturday, November 21, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Russian Festival Day, Fetzer Center, WMU

For more information, go to www.russianfestival.org



Kalamazoo Russian Festival

November 8–December 2, Convergence: A Coming Together & Letting Go at the Portage District Library

A series of art and literary events created around the concept of convergence. Using local artists, authors, musicians, a chef and bilingual residents, PDL is offering experiences from a variety of cultures.

For more information, go to www.pdl.lib.mi.us

COMING SOON

Sunday, November 29, 4 p.m.

14th Annual *Messiah* Sing, MFSM collaboration with First Congregational Church.

First Congregational Church, 129 S. Park St., Kalamazoo
Free will offering

2009 Festival Schedule



Techung

Thursday, November 12, 8 p.m.

Techung, a Tibetan folk and freedom singer/songwriter presents a contemporary performance of original and traditional music including some traditional Tibetan instruments. Techung, who grew up in exile in India, currently resides in the San Francisco Bay area.

First United Methodist Church, 212 S. Park St., Kalamazoo

Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Seniors; \$5 Students



Friday, November 13, 8 p.m.

Miller Auditorium presents Grammy® award-winning Sweet Honey in the Rock®, an *a capella* sextet of African-American women who bring the message of the southern black church, the civil rights movement and the conscience of justice through musical expression. The NAEA GospelFest Choir opens the show. In conjunction with the Michigan Festival of Sacred Music.

Miller Auditorium, Western Michigan University ● Tickets: \$10-\$35, group discounts available ● Order tickets online at www.millerauditorium.com

● By phone: 269.383.2300 or 800.228.9853



Rohan
Krishnamurthy

Saturday, November 14, 4 p.m.

Internationally known player of the Mridangam, the South Indian pitched drum, and Kalamazoo College graduate Rohan Krishnamurthy performs South Indian Carnatic music with saxophonist Prasant Radhakrishnan.

Dalton Theater, Kalamazoo College

Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Seniors; \$5 Students

Saturday, November 14, 8 p.m.

University of Pushkin Choir, directed by Irina Uvarova. This concert presented in collaboration with Kalamazoo Russian Festival.



Members of the University of Pushkin Choir

First Congregational Church, 129 S. Park St.

Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Seniors; \$5 Students

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Sunday, November 15, 3 p.m.

CUBE: *Sounding the Sacred*. Chicago's CUBE Contemporary Chamber Ensemble specializes in chamber music for winds, piano, and percussion, often including voice, poetry, theatre, dance, strings, and brass. The highly innovative programming of CUBE explores music from around the world and new works by esteemed Illinois artists and composers. Concert includes the premiere of a new work by Kalamazoo composer Elizabeth Start.

First Baptist Church, 315 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo
Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Seniors; \$5 Students



CUBE

Sunday, November 15, 7:30 p.m.

Bob Rowe & Co. Singer/songwriter Bob Rowe will present a program of original, traditional, and contemporary sacred and liturgical music from his recordings. He will be accompanied by Rendal Wall.

St Catherine of Siena, 929 E. Centre Ave., Portage ● Free will offering



Bob Rowe

Monday, November 16, 8 p.m.

The Afro-Semitic Experience is a cross-cultural band that delivers a positive and meaningful musical message in jazz about Black-Jewish relations. The group is dedicated to preserving, promoting and expanding the rich cultural and musical heritage of the Jewish and African diaspora. Through their concerts, recordings and workshops, they are actively creating an artistic response to anti-Semitism and Racism of all forms. Premiere of a new work commissioned by Chamber Music America.

First Baptist Church, 315 W. Michigan, Kalamazoo
Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Seniors; \$5 Students



The Afro-Semitic Experience

Tuesday, November 17, or Wednesday, November 18

Morning: David Briggs choral workshop with four high school honor choirs.

Noon: Concert featuring David Briggs and singers from area high school honor choirs.

First Baptist Church, 315 W. Michigan, Kalamazoo ● Free



David Briggs

Wednesday, November 18, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ. Screening of the 1925 silent film with organ improvisation by David Briggs.

First United Methodist Church, 212 S. Park St., Kalamazoo
Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Seniors; \$5 Students



Ken
Medema



Ted
Swartz

Thursday, November 19, 8 p.m.

Concert version of "Live from Jacob's Ladder," a music theater comedy drama about the power of forgiveness, based on the Genesis account of twins Jacob and Esau, and their paths of deception, estrangement, and reconciliation; starring Ted Swartz and Ken Medema.

Galilee Baptist Church, 1216 N. Westnedge, Kalamazoo

Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Seniors; \$5 Students



Galilee Baptist
Church

Friday, November 20, Noon

Lunch/lecture: Yale Strom on KSO Sacred Seasons program at the Park Club, 219 W. South St., Kalamazoo.

Cost: \$15, includes tax and gratuity.

To reserve a seat, call 269.381.0876 by November 13.



Yale Strom

Friday, November 20, 3 p.m.

A Great Day on Eldridge Street, Yale Strom's documentary film is a musical and photographic celebration of the opening of the Eldridge Street Museum and the re-opening of the Eldridge Street Synagogue on Manhattan's Lower East Side in October 2007. More than 100 Klezmer musicians participated in the celebration.

Kalamazoo Valley Museum, 230 N. Rose St., Kalamazoo ● Free



KALAMAZOO VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



KALAMAZOO VALLEY MUSEUM



Raymond Harvey
KSO Music Director

Friday, November 20, 8 p.m.

Sacred Seasons, Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra. This program, sponsored in part by MFSM, includes Four Seasons by Vivaldi, and works by Bloch and Prokofiev on Jewish themes.

Miller Auditorium, WMU ● To order tickets online: www.kalamazoosymphony.com ● Phone: 269.387.2300 ● Reserved seats: \$19-\$49, Harvey's Hideaway: \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. ● Group discounts available.

Saturday, November 21, 10 a.m.

David Briggs organ master class with Southwest Michigan Chapter, American Guild of Organists at First United Methodist Church.

First United Methodist Church, 212 S. Park St., Kalamazoo ● Free



Southwest
Michigan Chapter
AGO

Saturday, November 21, 1 p.m.

2009 Briner Lecture: David Briggs lecture on transcription and improvisation will be supplemented with organ playing to illustrate his points.

First Presbyterian Church, 321 W. South St., Kalamazoo ● Free

Saturday, November 21, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.

Southern Straight Singers present Native American Pow Wow music and dance representing sacred and social traditions of the Three Fires Tribes, known as the Bode'wadmi, Ojibwe & Odawa (Potawatomi, Ottawa and Chippewa). Program includes informative commentary and dancers in regalia. Presented by MFSM with sponsorship by Kalamazoo Public Library.

Kalamazoo Public Library, 315 S. Rose, Kalamazoo ● Free



Southern Straight Singers

Saturday, November 21, 3-4:30 p.m.

David Briggs master class with mass community choir culminating in Evensong at 5 p.m.

St Luke's Episcopal Church, 247 W. Lovell, Kalamazoo ● Free

Saturday, November 21, 5 p.m.

Evensong with mass community choir and organist David Briggs.

St Luke's Episcopal Church, 247 W. Lovell, Kalamazoo ● Free

Saturday, November 21, 8 p.m.

Klezmer Concert: Yale Strom and his band, Hot Pstromi
Congregation of Moses, 2501 Stadium Dr., Kalamazoo
Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Seniors; \$5 Students



Hot Pstromi

Sunday, November 22, 10:30 a.m.

Common Chords musicians at Congregation of Moses.
Congregation of Moses, 2501 Stadium Dr., Kalamazoo ● Free

Sunday, November 22, 2 p.m.

David Briggs organ recital, including premiere of new Briggs work for organ, trumpet and soprano commissioned by MFSM. Performers include soprano Susan B. Anthony and trumpeter Scott Thornburg. Text written by Kalamazoo poet Conrad Hilberry.

First Baptist Church, 315 W. Michigan, Kalamazoo

Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Seniors; \$5 Students



David Briggs

Sunday, November 22, 4:30 p.m.

Common Chords: concert celebrating the common roots of Muslim and Jewish music, featuring Pakistani rock star Salman Ahmad, virtuoso tabla player Samir Chatterjee with Yale Strom and members of his band Hot Pstromi.

First Presbyterian Church, 321 W. South St., Kalamazoo

Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Seniors; \$5 Students



Common Chords





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Kalamazoo Russian
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The Michigan Festival of Sacred Music continues in its efforts to contribute to the sacred repertoire by commissioning a new work for soprano, trumpet and organ by David Briggs. The MFSM welcomes inquiries from donors interested in commissioning works for future festivals.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you enjoy inspirational music, like to meet new people and receive free admission to concerts when you volunteer, contact MFSM Volunteer Coordinator Aaron J. Cassette at 269.267.5999 or by e-mail at director@mfsm.us.



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- Ordered from Miller Auditorium using the form in this brochure
- With credit card—on line: www.millerauditorium.com
- By phone: 269.387.2300 or 800.228.9858
- In person at the Miller Auditorium box office

SINGLE TICKETS FOR MFSM

Single tickets are available for ten events. Cost for Adults, Seniors and Students is listed on the order form following the time and date of the event. **For example:** the cost for the Techung concert is \$15 for Adults, \$12 for Seniors, \$5 for Students. Tickets will also be sold at the door the day/night of the event.

MFSM TICKET PACKAGES*

Six Tix: Adults—\$80; Seniors—\$65; Students—\$25: a package of six tickets which may be used for purchaser's choice of events.

Festival Pass: Adults—\$120; Seniors—\$100; Students—\$40: one admission to each ticketed event in the festival.

*Miller Auditorium Events, listed below, are not included in these packages.

MILLER AUDITORIUM EVENTS

Although events at Miller Auditorium are not included in either of the MFSM Ticket Packages, patrons who purchase an MFSM ticket package will receive a \$5 discount on tickets for these events when purchased at the same time. Excluded from this offer: \$5 KSO seats in Harvey's Hideaway.

8:00 p.m., Friday, November 13, Sweet Honey in the Rock®, Grammy® winning *a capella* gospel sextet. Opening act for Sweet Honey is Kalamazoo's NAEA GospelFest Choir. Ticket prices range from \$10-\$35 and are available through Miller box office or web site.

8:00 p.m., Friday, November 20, Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, Sacred Seasons. Ticket prices range from \$5-\$50 and are available through Miller box office or web site.

Please consider becoming a supporter of the Festival. All donations are tax-deductible.



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MFSM SINGLE TICKETS

	Adult	Senior	Student	\$\$\$
Techung , 8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 12 ● \$15, \$12, \$5				
Rohan Krishnamurthy , 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14 ● \$15, \$12, \$5				
University of Pushkin Choir , 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14 ● \$15, \$12, \$5				
CUBE , 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 15 ● \$15, \$12, \$5				
The Afro-Semitic Experience , 8 p.m., Monday, Nov. 16 ● \$15, \$12, \$5				
Ben-Hur , 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 18 ● \$15, \$12, \$5				
"Live from Jacob's Ladder," 8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 19 ● \$15, \$12, \$5				
Klezmer Concert , 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 21 ● \$15, \$12, \$5				
David Briggs Concert , 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 22 ● \$15, \$12, \$5				
Common Chords , 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 22 ● \$15, \$12, \$5				
Total for single tickets ordered				
MFSM TICKET PACKAGES*				
Six Tix: \$80 Adults, \$65 Seniors, \$25 Students				
Festival Pass: \$120 Adults, \$100 Seniors, \$40 Students				
*Miller Auditorium events are not included in MFSM ticket packages				
Total for MFSM Ticket Packages ordered				
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Send completed form and check, if applicable, to Miller Auditorium, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5344. Your tickets will be mailed to you. All tickets have no refunds or exchanges.

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