

## A Mission Statement for The Ministry of Music at First (Scots) Presbyterian Church

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.*

In the context of Christian worship, education, mission, and fellowship, music is appropriate as a response of the people of God to God's revelation through Jesus Christ. As an integral part of the Christian experience, music calls attention to God's presence among us rather than to musicians or instruments; it is never an end to itself. The fundamental purpose of the Ministry of Music at First (Scots), therefore, is to present the gospel faithfully in ways through which the covenant community may receive and respond to the reality and grace of God. In so doing, it is governed by the *Book of Order* and by the principles of the mission and vision statements of First (Scots).

The Ministry of Music.....

...participates in and enriches WORSHIP by leading the congregation in music that is consistent with the Reformed tradition and with the character of our historic congregation;

...supports EDUCATION for people of all ages by contributing directly to programs sponsored by the Session through its divisions, and by offering programs of its own that inform, inspire, and equip God's people;

...engages in MISSION by witnessing to those outside our congregation through concerts, recitals, and other musical offerings, both within and without our sanctuary, that are consistent with our congregation's mission; and

...supports opportunities for Christian FELLOWSHIP by supporting activities and programs sponsored by the Session through its divisions, and by welcoming and encouraging in the name of Christ all those who seek to serve God through music.

*The Mission Statement was drafted by the Music Ministry Review Committee of First (Scots) Presbyterian Church and submitted to and subsequently approved by the Session in November, 2002.*

## ☞ Children and Youth Choirs ☞

**NEW! Young Choristers (Age 4 - Grade 1)**, led by Christina Demos, is a NEW children's music program. This choir, which gives the very young an opportunity to praise and give thanks to God through song, sings in Sunday morning worship a couple of times a year. Parents are strongly encouraged to participate with their child/children during the rehearsal.

*Director: Christina Demos*

*Rehearsal: Wednesday 5:00-5:45 p.m. (Administration Bldg. 113: behind the Fellowship Hall stage)*

**Choristers (Grades 2 - above)**, led by Eszter Ablonczy and Helen Watson, offers an opportunity to begin the children's musical experience within the church. Rehearsal begins with basic listening, rhythm, and singing skills using games, movement, and playing of instruments to teach musical concepts. Through this choir experience, children will learn commitment, will grow in their musical ability, and will learn how to worship God and utilize the gifts they have been given by Him to help others worship God. This choir runs from September through May, and sings during several worship services throughout the church year.

*Director: Eszter Ablonczy*

*Rehearsal: Wednesday 5:00-6:00 p.m. (Education Bldg. 309)*

## ☞ Instrumental Music ☞ for Youth and Adults

**First (Scots) Flute Ensemble:** Can you play the flute? Here is an opportunity for playing together and worshipping God! We will meet every other Wednesday after supper for 30 minutes. Call JeeYoon Choi for more information.

*Director: JeeYoon Choi*

*Rehearsal: Wednesday 6:30-7:00 p.m.*

**Handbell Choir:** We are recruiting for the Handbell choir, which is open to youth (Grades 6 and above) and adults. All are welcome to join whether or not you have had previous handbell ringing experience. Call JeeYoon Choi for more information.

## ☞ Adult Choirs ☞

**Kirk Choir** is the principal Sunday morning worship choir of First (Scots). This choir is primarily made up of volunteer adults, but is also open to youth in 10th grade and older. The *Kirk Choir* rehearses weekly on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m., with occasional sectional rehearsals, and again on Sunday mornings preceding the 11:15 a.m. service. The choir does not usually sing at the 8:45 a.m. service. The *Kirk Choir* sings a wide variety of music from the traditional sacred music repertoire, with occasional classical composers as well, and presents special extended choral works, often with orchestral accompaniment, at Christmas and Easter.

*Directors: Ricard Bordas and JeeYoon Choi*

*Rehearsal: Wednesday 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Education Bldg. 301)*

**NEW! Hymn Choir** is for adults who love to sing and want to participate in a choir, but without making a major time commitment. The *Hymn Choir* meets once a month on the fourth Sunday: rehearses at 8 a.m. and sings at the 8:45 a.m. worship service.

*Directors: Ricard Bordas and JeeYoon Choi*

*Rehearsal: Sunday 8:00-8:30 a.m. (Education Bldg. 301)*  
9/28, 10/26, 11/23, 12/21, 1/25, 2/22, 3/22,  
4/26, 5/24

### **NEW! Summer Choir: June 14 - August 9, 2009**

No time to sing during the year? Now you can join and sing in our new *Summer Choir* during the summer! The *Summer Choir* meets on Sunday morning only: rehearses at 9 a.m. and sings at 10 a.m. worship service.

*Choirmaster: Ricard Bordas and JeeYoon Choi*

*Rehearsal: Sunday 9:00-9:45 a.m. (Education Bldg. 301)*  
6/14, 6/21, 6/28, 7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 7/28, 8/2, 8/9

## Concerts Series at First (Scots)

∞ 2008-2009 Season ∞

**Sunday, November 23, 2008 - 4 p.m.**

*"Harpsichord Favorites!"*

Julia Harlow, harpsichord

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**Sunday, December 14, 2008 - 8:45 a.m. & 11:15a.m**

*"Daniel Pinkham's Christmas Cantata"*

Kirk Choir and Brass Ensemble

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**Tuesday, February 3, 2009 - 7 p.m.**

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy's 200th Birthday Concert

*Complete Organ Preludes and Fugues and Sonatas*

Performance by nine organists from Charleston area

(Co-Sponsored by Charleston AGO)

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### BACH Festival:

**Friday, February 27 - Sunday, March 1, 2009**

**Friday, February 27, 7:30 p.m.**

*"Goldberg Variations"* BWV 988

Jory Vinikour, harpsichord

**Saturday, February 28, 3 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.**

*"A Historical Approach to J.S. Bach's Organ Music"* Lecture, 3 p.m.

*"Organ Music by J.S. Bach"* Organ Recital, 7:30 p.m.

Prof. Gerhard Weinberger, organ

(Co-Sponsored by Charleston AGO)

**Sunday, March 1, 4 p.m.**

*"St. John Passion"* BWV 245

Kirk Choir and Chamber Orchestra

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**Sunday, April 19, 2009 - 4 p.m.**

*"Viva Baroque"*

Yun Hao Jiang, cello and JeeYoon Choi, harpsichord

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**Friday, May 22, 2008 - Sunday, June 7, 2009**

*Piccolo Spoleto Festival*

Early Music Series - 3 p.m. & L'Organo Series - 10 a.m.

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All events take place in the First (Scots) Sanctuary.

## First (Scots) and the Music Community

First (Scots) has a long tradition of participating in and hosting the musical community of Charleston. The 4-manual, 72-rank Ontko and Young sanctuary pipe organ has been hailed by many as one of the finest in the Southeastern U.S. The John Phillips harpsichord is used regularly for chamber music events. The A. B. Chase concert grand piano is also used frequently for chamber music.

The acoustical properties of the First (Scots) sanctuary are notable for their clarity and reverberance, making the sanctuary a very sought-after venue by musicians in the community. The visual beauty and serenity of this sacred space provide a wonderful environment for musical performances.

This *Piccolo Spoleto Festival*, produced by the City of Charleston, offers musical performances in several downtown churches. First (Scots) plays an important role in this endeavor, opening its doors to the public by hosting the Spotlight Chamber Music Series and several organ recitals during each festival.

### Music Staff at First (Scots)

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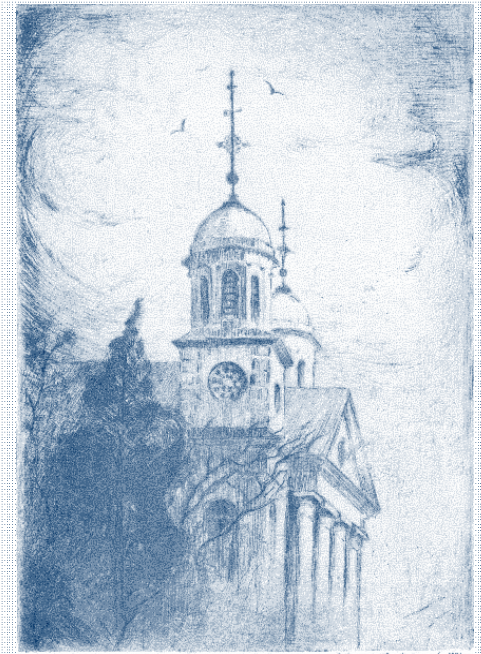
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