

Peace United Church of Christ
2025 Artist Cabaret



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Saturday, January 25th, 7:00pm

Possibilities Trio

Jean Leibfried, violin; Melanie Sever, flute; Deb Rausch, horn

Trio in C major, Op. 87, Allegro..... L.V. Beethoven

Carrie Kelsey

Peace Church Classical Consortium

Emily Ramsey, violin.; Lian Ojakangas, violin; Ron Kari, viola; Byron Klimek, cello; Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis, oboe; Jim Pospisil, piano

Piano Quartet in g minor, K.478, Allegro.....W.A. Mozart

Piano Quintet in g minor, Op.49, mvt 2..... Enrique Granados

Zigeunerweisen, Op. 20.....Pablo de Sarasate

Meditation for Corinne, Op. 42.....Pospisil

Gudrun Witrak

You've Got a Friend.....Carol King

Intermission

Treats provided by the Food Hospitality Team

Ron Deters

Moonsong.....Ron Deters
Count Your Blessings.....Ron Deters

Simon Liddle

Hungarian Rhapsody No. 3, S.244/3.....Franz Liszt

Ian Connell

Byron Klimek

Sonata for Cello and Piano, Op. 6, Allegro con brio..... Richard Strauss

The Tent Show Band

Carrie Kelsey, violin; Sophia Farell, violin; Emily Ramsey, mandolin;
Ian Connell, bass

Three Scottish Waltzes

Sing Along

Jim Pospisil

May the Blessing of Light Be On You.....Pospisil

Special thanks to:
Our Talented Artists,
Jim Pospisil, Music Director
Alex Nelson, Soundboard and Livestream Technician

Byron Klimek is a member of the DSSO, Lake Superior Chamber Orchestra, Lyric Opera of the North Orchestra, Borealis Chamber Artists, and an active chamber musician in the Twin Ports community. As a passionate music educator, he serves as the Orchestra Director at Duluth East and a conductor/coach for the Duluth Superior Symphony Youth Orchestra Sinfonia.

Carrie Kelsey

Corinne Freedman Ellis grew up in a musical family, starting piano lessons at age 4 and oboe lessons at age 10. Music was her gateway into church, playing in worship and joining (and eventually directing!) the handbell choir. These days, the oboe makes a rare appearance and the piano is most often used for kids' singalongs. She feels totally out of her depth and thrilled to be playing with this professional crew.

Emily Ramsey started Suzuki violin at age 4 in Brandon, Manitoba. Continued taking lessons off and on through childhood. Studied with Diane Balko at UW-Superior in high school and attended UW-Superior and graduated with a music education degree in 2001. She taught private lessons and played with ensembles in the area until she returned to graduate school at UMD and earned an MSW degree. Together, she and her wife are parents to 9 children ages 4-22 including 4 adopted from foster care.

Gudrun Witrak likes to say she started singing in the womb. Gudrun came from a very musical choral family. In college she was a Beatle Maniac and started listening to anti-war music. To this day she loves folk and rock music. Gudrun has been singing at Peace Church in some form or another since 2010.

Ian Connell holds a jazz studies degree and has been a board certified music therapist since 2015, when he moved to The Frozen North. He came to Peace Church in 2016, joined *A Band Called Truman* on drums in 2017, and has been the sole member of *To The Mains* since 2018. His releases *The Unreliability of Certainty* and *Mistaking Formality For Reverence* are streaming everywhere.

Jean Leibfried was born and raised in West Duluth. She is a 1973 graduate of Denfeld High School and a 1977 graduate of UMD, earning a Bachelor of Music Education. Jean taught Orchestra in Crookston, MN, General Music and Special Ed in Malta, MT, and Orchestra in Superior, WI, retiring as Superior High School Orchestra Director in 2017.

Lian Ojakangas was born in Duluth and studied violin at the University of Michigan. He enjoys jazz as well as classical, and skis at every opportunity since moving back last year.

Melanie Sever is an active freelance musician, recitalist, lecturer, conductor, and teaches flute at UWS and CSS as well as her private studio. She is director of the Duluth Superior Symphony Youth Orchestras program and the North Wind Flute Choir, and performs with the DSSO, MN Ballet Orchestra, and other regional orchestras.

Ron Deters

Ron Kari is a lifelong Duluthian. His musical career started at Duluth Public Schools and went to UMD. He has been a part of the DSSO for 62 years. He loves classical music and opera.

Simon Liddle has been studying piano for the past year. He is very excited to perform his first piece he has mastered by Franz Liszt. Simon is 14 years old and would love to be a professional pianist