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Our 24th Season!

The Connecticut Master Chorale

was founded in 1999 by Music Director and Conductor Tina Johns Heidrich. When she was first conceptualizing the chorale, Ms. Heidrich envisioned a new chorus of highly trained singers able to learn complex music quickly and capable of performing her unique eclectic programming with enthusiasm, precision and passion.

In addition to the regularly scheduled performances, our accomplishments include a Christmas Concert at the White House, a U.S. premiere performance at Lincoln Center, three Carnegie Hall appearances, as well as concerts at West Point, Madison Square Garden, and with the Ridgefield Symphony - all by invitation. We won the annual McDonald's Gospelfest Competition three years in a row and have appeared on ABC TV.

Our 24th concert season begins with our ever-popular **Holiday Prelude Concert**, welcoming the coming holidays with a stellar collection of outstanding festive choral music. The diverse program includes selections for Winter, Advent, and Hanukkah with joyous carols, big band, spirituals, gospel and more. A special feature will be "Christmas in South America" showcasing the music of Argentina, Brazil and Venezuela.

In March we will present *Illuminare* by Elaine Hagenberg, whose glorious music soars with eloquence and ingenuity. This new work takes us through a season of beauty and goodness that has been disrupted by darkness and confusion. But as Light gradually returns, hope is restored, illuminating our future, and guiding us in peace and the splendor of God's glory!

Also on the program is the newly released **Stabat Mater** by Kim André Arnesen. His setting breathes new life into this 13th century hymn, portraying the Virgin Mary's suffering at the crucifixion of her son. His characteristic rich harmonies and memorable lines combine to create this powerful and emotional new choral work. Those who attended our 2019 performance of his "Requiem for Solace" will recall how deeply moved we all were by the passion of his beautiful music.

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