

Biographies

Jon Clemens, Artistic Director. Jon has a varied background, with degrees in both math and music from Bluffton University. Jon spent 5 years after college earning graduate degrees in music composition and theory at the University of Cincinnati, College Conservatory of Music. Jon has been a part of the team at Cargas Systems since 1999, with roles that include software engineer, sales, executive leadership, and member of the board of directors. Cargas Systems is an employee-owned software and consulting company, located in downtown Lancaster. While music has not been part of his professional career since graduate school, he has stayed involved in a variety of ways. Since moving to Lancaster, Jon has participated with Musical Associates as a founding member, Opera Lancaster Chorus, Lancaster Symphony Orchestra chorus, and Allegro Orchestra Chorus. Jon was the choral director for Allegro Orchestra's performance of Beethoven's 9th Symphony, in the 2023 summer season. In addition, Jon is currently a member of the board of directors of Allegro Lancaster.

Monica Hochstedler Carlson, accompanist and Music Educator, holds a Master of Music in Piano Pedagogy and Performance degree from Westminster Choir College of Rider University and a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education from Goshen College. She teaches third through sixth grade general music at Lancaster Mennonite School and is Director of Prelude Music (grades K-1) with the Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster. In addition, she has accompanied a variety of choir programs and youth performers.

Before moving to the Lancaster area in 2019, Monica taught elementary general music in a private school setting and built a thriving private piano studio in Harrisonburg, VA. Previous work has also included serving as a private and group piano instructor at Goshen College (IN), Southern Methodist University (TX), Shenandoah Valley Preparatory Music (VA), and Woodberry Forest School (VA). Accompanying school programs, musicals, choirs and student performers has peppered her work experience throughout life as well.

Musical
ASSOCIATES

AN ALLEGRO LANCASTER ENSEMBLE

SACRED SPACES

Jon Clemens, conductor

August 25th, 2024

3:00pm First United Methodist Church

PLAYLIST

Opening

If Music Be the Food of Love David Dickau

Mercy

Kyrie (Missa Pange lingua) Josquin des Prez
Through Many Dangers Gwyneth Walker
Wanting Memories Ysaye M. Barnwell

Gratitude

Gloria (Missa Brevis) Andrea Gabrieli
Sunset Eric Saari
Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit arr. Rollo Dilworth

Belief

If Ye Love Me Thomas Tallis
Run, Mary, Run arr. Brian Tate
Soloist: Caroline Fresh, Djembe: Matt Carlson

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands arr. Cedric Dent
Soloist: Matt Carlson

Intermission

Heaven and Earth

Sanctus (Mass for 4 voices) William Byrd
The Ground Ola Gjeilo
In Time of Silver Rain David Bennett Thomas
Sure on This Shining Night Morten Lauridsen

Rest

Agnus Dei (Messa a quattro voci) Claudio Monteverdi
Little Innocent Lamb arr. Marshall Bartholomew
Indodana arr. Michael Barrett
Remember Ralf Schmitt
Stephen Chatman

Closing

The Irish Blessing Joyce Ellers Bacak

Program Notes

This concert, "Sacred Spaces", explores different aspects of what it means to be sacred, and the different spaces where we can experience it. These include:

- Physical spaces, from ancient cathedrals to under the stars.
- Emotional spaces, including gratitude, joy, sadness, and rest.
- Spiritual spaces, recognizing our connection with ourselves, our community, and the world.
- And Musical spaces.

Together, we will experience music from the 15th century to today, coming from different cultures and traditions, with composers representing diverse backgrounds and experiences. We each bring our own experiences and stories, weaving them together into a Sacred Space.

Musical Associates

Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass
Cheryl Baldwin	Michelle Clark	Matt Carlson	Richard Frey
Jennifer Biemiller	Amy Helm	Peter Clemens	John Hamilton
Sue Doll	Paula Smith	Mark Forsha	James Helm
Caroline Fresh	Stephanie Stauffer	Phillip Norris	Robert Hess
Joy Ide	Marilyn Witte	Michael Zuback	Benjamin Hofmann
Carolyn McLain		Elvis Zurita	Menno Wiebe
Alison Mekeel			Kelly Williams
Sue Mennicke			

Since 2003, **Musical Associates**, a chamber chorus in Lancaster, PA, has delighted audiences with choral programs that include music ranging from Medieval music to the present day. This auditioned ensemble is a group of musicians who love to sing and share music with others. One of the unique aspects of Musical Associates is that we rehearse and perform only in the summer months. This allows area professionals to join us without the pressures of the spring and fall academic seasons. Musical Associates was founded by Emery Dewitt, who led the group for its first 20 years. Musical Associates is now associated with Allegro Lancaster, as an Allegro Lancaster Ensemble. Allegro Lancaster is a local organization whose purpose is to provide great musical experiences, for Lancaster County, from Lancaster County.

