### We invite you to join Fine Arts at First for our 30th concert season!

Distinguished guest artists known locally, nationally, and internationally perform in our nave filled with history, unique architecture, and a magnificent pipe organ regarded as one of the finest instruments in Central Pennsylvania. All concerts are free, and each is followed by a reception to greet our performers.

Our artist series is made possible by generous contributions of patrons who provide the foundation of our success and by freewill offerings received at the performances. Many seasons we support a local cause or charitable group by donating 100% of the proceeds of one concert to the designee. We are pleased that a total of \$34,988 has been donated to worthy organizations due to the generosity of our concert-goers.

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**Support Us:** To support our 2024–2025 Series and to receive mailings of events, email <u>flccarlisle@gmail.com</u> or call (717) 249-3310.

**Parking:** Parking is available in the church's main lot, accessible from High Street. Our overflow lot is accessible from Liberty Avenue which runs behind the church building parallel to High Street. Street parking also is available on High and Bedford streets.

Accessibility: The nave, where concerts are held, is accessible via the ramp at the north end of the parking lot. Guests also may enter the lower level of the building into our atrium and take the elevator to the nave.

**Learn More:** To learn more about Fine Arts at First and our performers, visit www.firstlutherancarlisle.org.



### First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Corner of East High and South Bedford streets
Carlisle, PA 17013
(use 100 East High Street for GPS routing)
www.firstlutherancarlisle.org



## Appalachian Wind Quintet & Friends

Sunday, September 22, 2024 at 4 p.m.



The Appalachian Wind Quintet has distinguished itself as one of the Mid-Atlantic region's finest woodwind chamber ensembles. With broad experience as soloists, symphonic and small ensemble musicians for many years, the members of this group join to form their finely unique musical cohesion.

Distinctions include the first-place award in the Baltimore Chamber Music Competition and grants from Chamber Music America, Washington County Arts Council, and the Maryland State Arts Council including the designation as a Maryland Art Treasure. Concert venues for the Appalachian Wind Quintet have included such halls as the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, the Baltimore Museum of Art, the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, and the Maryland Theater. The ensemble has performed for conservatories and institutions of higher learning, such as Peabody Conservatory, Shepherd University, Hood College, Lycoming College, Hagerstown Community College, and St. James and Mercersburg Academies. The Appalachian Wind Quintet was also featured in our 2018–2019 Fine Arts Series.

Members of the Appalachian Wind Quintet are flutist Barbara Spicher, oboist Ed Stanley, clarinetist Rick Mogensen, bassoonist Scott Cassada, and horn player Stephen Pastena. You can learn more about the ensemble online at <a href="https://www.appalachianwindquintet.com">www.appalachianwindquintet.com</a>.

#### Knock on Wood Marimba Band

Sunday, March 2, 2025 at 4 p.m.

The Knock on Wood marimba ensemble is a musical quintet of experienced percussionists who present a unique brand of rhythm and melody to captivated audiences across Central Pennsylvania and Maryland. Their selections draw on traditional tunes, ragtime syncopations, lively Latin rhythms, American jazz, world music, and classical transcriptions. They also present some original pieces composed by members of the ensemble.

The mellow tone of the marimbas, the dark to bright timbres of the vibraphone, the lyrical orchestra bells, the melodious chimes, the sparkling sound of the xylophone, and the driving heartbeat of the percussion promise to fascinate and mesmerize concert guests.

Formed in 2023, the Knock on Wood members Jay Brown, Christina Roncin, Roger Myers, Jill Marshall-Work, and Marlin Barnes are delighted to bring a unique celebration of musical entertainment to the Carlisle area.

You can learn more about the ensemble online at <a href="https://musicalmakers.wixsite.com/knockonwood">https://musicalmakers.wixsite.com/knockonwood</a>.



# The Chenault Duo Organists

Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 4 p.m.



Specializing in and exclusively performing works written for four hands and four feet at one organ console, Elizabeth and Raymond Chenault ("The World's Premiere Duo-Organ Team", Atlanta Journal & Constitution) have made a monumental and unmatched contribution to the pipe organ repertoire through their commissioning, premiering, and recording of over 70 organ duets in a wide array of styles, from composers

such as John Rutter and Rachel Laurin to their own arrangements of Christmas carols, duets based on Gregorian Chant, and Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Phantom of the Opera*.

The National American Guild of Organists named the Chenaults their Distinguished Artists for 2024 and featured them at a gala performance and reception at The Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta in April 2024.

The organ concert will be held as a benefit for the Shenk and Yokum Scholarships for Young Organists of the Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO). We are delighted to welcome the Harrisburg AGO as a co-sponsor for the Chenault Duo's performance.

You can learn more about the duo online at www.chenaultduo.com.