

## Arts for the Soul Concert Season 2014-15



### **Sing from the Heart** Sunday, October 5, 2014, 7:30 p.m.

***Featuring the First Presbyterian Choir with guest soloists Malley Keelan, tenor and Daniel Martinez, guitar. Charity Fundraiser for Lincoln/Lancaster County Habitat for Humanity***

We opened the season with our ever-popular dessert concert and charity fundraiser. This year the show was centered around the theme of "Home" and "Homeland", exploring the powerful and varied meanings those words hold for us. In keeping with that theme we took a freewill offering for the Lincoln/Lancaster County Habitat for Humanity. In addition to returning guest soloist Malley Keelan, we also featured local artist Daniel Martinez on guitar.



**Isabelle Demers, organ**  
**Sunday, November 2, 2014, 3:00 p.m.**  
*In collaboration with Lincoln Organ Showcase*

Isabelle Demers is Organ Professor and Head of the Organ Program at Baylor University in Texas, and is rapidly becoming recognized as one of North America's most virtuosic organists. She has performed to critical acclaim at the national convention of the American Guild of Organists in both 2008 and 2010, with her 2010 performance being called, "one of the most outstanding events of the convention", by *The American Organist*, and resulting in the standing-room-only audience calling her back five times.

"Isabelle Demers is tiny but mighty! She has it all--exciting technique, awesome artistry, refreshing charm, and an incredible gift for arranging and transcribing."  
Rebecca Ogle, presenter, Palo Verde Estates, CA



**Voices of Light—Bridges of Hope**  
**Sunday, March 22, 2015, 3:00 p.m.**  
*In collaboration with the Hildegard Center for the Arts*

**Featuring the First Presbyterian Choir, Dr. Brian Pfofner, conductor; Dr. Charles W. Ore, organist, with guest choir The Twelve from Union College, Dr. Dan Lynn, conductor. With special guest actress Pippa White and KFOR Radio personality Charlie Brogan.**

Two seasons ago, *Arts for the Soul* partnered with the *Hildegard Center for the Arts* in presenting the first *Voices of Light* event, combining music and the spoken word in a tribute to individuals who had made a significant and positive impact on our world. The tremendous audience response to that first concert inspired us to return to that same theme, this time featuring a new set of heroes, both familiar and lesser-known, but all of whom have helped to make the world a better place. We will again tell their stories through readings, storytelling and music.



## **Yuval Ron Ensemble, The Mystical Music of the Middle East**

**Concert: Saturday, May 2, 2015, 7:30 p.m.**

***Interfaith Community Worship Service, Sunday, May 3, 2:00 p.m.***

In the seven-year history of *Arts for the Soul* few events have created as much buzz in the city as the Yuval Ron Middle Eastern Ensemble did in the spring of 2012. It was clear we would have to bring them back, so this year we had them return to close out the season. This very special group is composed of Jewish, Muslim, and Christian musicians who use the universal language of music to promote understanding and peace between various cultures and religions. The music will transport you to exotic places, while the whirling dervish will keep you spellbound.

"People were really touched, even moved, by this concert...this kind of thing doesn't happen every day. And every day, every time that it does, is special and something to treasure." – Titus Levi, Assistant Professor of Communications, USC, Los Angeles, CA