Arts for the Soul Concert Season 2015-16

Sing from the Heart—Heart Strings
Dessert Concert & Charity Fundraiser
Sunday, October 11, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

Featuring the First Presbyterian Choir with
guest soloists Malley Keelan, tenor, and Heidi Beran, harp.
Charity Fundraiser for the McPhee Elementary Community Learning Center.

We opened another season with our ever-popular dessert concert and charity fundraiser. With a theme of Heart Strings, this year’s event added a new twist as we featured local harpist Heidi Beran. Returning soloist Malley Keelan rounded out the evening as we explored music that tugged at your heart strings. We also acted on those warm feelings as we took a freewill offering for the McPhee Elementary Community Learning Center, helping students and families right in our own neighborhood.

Fabulous desserts included!

Laurie Rubin, mezzo-soprano
Sunday, November 15, 2015, 3:00 p.m.

Laurie Rubin’s voice, spirit and story captivate audiences like no other. Laurie is also an author, speaker, jewelry designer, and skier, all in spite of the fact that she was born blind. Her memoir, Do You Dream in Color? Insights From a Girl Without Sight, recounts her experiences and challenges from childhood through the rise of her career as a professional singer. Ms. Rubin draws upon her memoir to inspire audiences of all ages to challenge stereotypes, and to reach for their dreams.
Solas, 20th Anniversary Tour  
Sunday, February 21, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

From their early days with singer Karan Casey, to the present lineup featuring Moira Smiley on vocals, Solas’ *All These Years* demonstrates the evolution of a band the *Boston Globe* declared to be “the finest Celtic ensemble this country has ever produced.” Solas’ 20th Anniversary Project celebrates their remarkable past while demonstrating why they continue to be one of the most popular, influential, and exciting bands ever to emerge over the past two decades.

This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see founding members and Solas stalwarts Seamus Egan and Winifred Horan bring the past, present, and future of the band to the stage in a program celebrating twenty years of Solas.

Family Concert—A Return to the Caribbean  
Tom Miller, Steel Drums, with Steel Drum Ensemble *Pan Nation*  
Saturday, April 2, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

*Special guests: local student steel drum group PANgea, Megan Manning-Kechely, director*

Infectious Fun! The sound of steel drums immediately brings a smile to your face and images of warm, sunny Caribbean beaches to your mind. Tom Miller was first on our series in 2011. This time he returned with his professional steel drum group Pan Nation, and was once again joined by Lincoln’s own student group PANgea.
Earth Day Concert & Presentation
Friday, April 22, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Joel Sartore, National Geographic Photographer, Speaker, Author
with the First Presbyterian Choir, Dr. Brian Pfoltner, conductor, Dr. Charles W. Ore, organist, and the Grace University Chamber Choir, Dr. Greg Zielke, conductor

Arts for the Soul celebrated Earth Day with a truly unique and inspirational event. Combining music with images and a presentation by internationally-renowned photographer Joel Sartore, this was an evening to remember. Lincoln resident Joel Sartore has been a contributing photographer to National Geographic magazine for two decades. Roaming from the Arctic to the Amazon, he's been charged by grizzly bears, battled flesh-eating parasites, and had plenty of close calls, and he brought his adventures to life for us through his photographs and stories, documenting a world worth saving.

Other Earth Day activities included fun and educational presentations by local experts which took place in the parking lot of First Presbyterian, Saturday, April 23, 2016, 2:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.