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Mayor previews In One A-Chord: Lexington Sacred Music Festival

Mayor Linda Gorton today joined Dr. Everett McCorvey at First Presbyterian Church to preview In One A-Chord: Lexington Sacred Music Festival, taking place in Lexington September 21-28.

"Sacred Music Festival is sure to lift you up," Mayor Linda Gorton said today. "This celebration is a wonderful opportunity to come together, celebrate great talent, and showcase the music and spirit that makes our city so special."

In One A-Chord: Sacred Music Festival, presented by CHI Saint Joseph Health, is a week-long celebration of the music that fills Lexington's churches, chapels, sanctuaries, synagogues, concert halls, and places of peace. The festival includes 25 sacred music experiences that are open to all and scheduled at religious and non-religious locations alike with time to hear each offering daily.

"Music has the power to unite, to inspire, and to move us," said Everett McCorvey, executive producer of In One A-Chord. "This sacred music festival, the first of its kind in Lexington, creates the opportunity to celebrate the local musicians, singers, arrangers and performers who make up our city's rich and vibrant sacred musical landscape." McCorvey serves as a member of the Mayor's 250Lex Commission.

Sacred music bridges the gap between the earth and the spiritual, elevates the human spirit, has the power to heal, and the ability to bring listeners together in community to celebrate not only our commonality but the beauty in what makes us unique and different, McCorvey said.





First Presbyterian Church is hosting several events throughout the week.

First Presbyterian Church Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Franklyn C. Pottorff said, "As the oldest church in continuous existence in our city with a rich heritage of music, First Presbyterian Church is honored to serve as a host site for the Sacred Music Festival and we look forward to welcoming people not only to our sacred spaces, but to sacred spaces across Lexington."

250Lex Co-Chair Dr. Eunice Beatty said, "With hundreds of houses of worship throughout Lexington today, music is a central point of most, if not all worship services. 250Lex presenting 'In One A-Chord: A Sacred Music Festival' is a fitting tribute and special salute to Lexington's faith and religious communities."

All performances are free or at low cost. For more information and complete schedule, visit www.250Lex.com.

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SCHEUDLE OF EVENTS:

Sunday, September 21

8 a.m. – 6 p.m. *Many Voices In One A-Chord: Lexington Sacred Music Festival* https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1567052358789?aff=oddtdtcreator

12:00 p.m. *Ring In the Inaugural Lexington Sacred Music Festival: In One A-Chord* https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1567299006519?aff=oddtdtcreator

12:00 p.m. *On the Path through Songwriting to Spirit* https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1560074447669?aff=oddtdtcreator

2:00 p.m. What Makes Music Sacred? A Listening Session with Dr Lance Brunner https://www.eventbrite.com/e/what-makes-music-sacred-a-listening-session-with-dr-lance-brunner-tickets-1560342760199?aff=oddtdtcreator

3:30 p.m. *Organ Concert & Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral* https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1560133825269?aff=oddtdtcreator

Monday, September 22

8:00 a.m. *Deep Listening: Contemplating the 'Sacred' in Music*https://www.eventbrite.com/e/deep-listening-contemplating-the-sacred-in-music-with-dr-lance-brunner-tickets-1560359359849?aff=oddtdtcreator

10:30 a.m. *Celebrating the Flute through Well-loved Hymns and Spirituals* https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1560219080269?aff=oddtdtcreator





6:00 p.m. *The Vivaldi Gloria* presented by the Inaugural Lexington All-City Chorus with special appearances and music by Central Kentucky Youth Orchestra, Uniting Voices Lexington and soloists from the American Spiritual Ensemble at Singletary Center for the Arts. ** <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/1288656546053330/?acontext=%78%22event_action_history%22%3A[%78%22surface%22%3A%22external_search_engine%22%7D%2C%78%22mechanism%22%3A%22attachment%22%2C%22surface%22%3A%22newsfeed%22%7D]%2C%22ref_notif_type%22%3Anull%7D

Tuesday, September 23

11:00 a.m. J.S. Bach through the Sound of Classical Guitar

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/js-bach-through-the-sound-of-classical-guitar-tickets-1560196211869?aff=oddtdtcreator

12:00 p.m. Magnificat: The Song of Mary through the Ages

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/magnificat-the-song-of-mary-through-the-ages-tickets-1560262510169?aff=oddtdtcreator

6:30 p.m. A Concert of Sacred Song at Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-concert-of-sacred-song-tickets-1560282540079?aff=oddtdtcreator

Wednesday, September 24

10:00 a.m. What Makes Music Sacred? A Listening Experience with Dr. Lance Brunner https://www.eventbrite.com/e/what-makes-music-sacred-a-listening-experience-with-dr-lance-brunner-tickets-1560329640959?aff=oddtdtcreator

12:00 p.m. *The Sacred, Healing Sounds of Traditional Native American Flutes* <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-sacred-healing-sounds-of-traditional-native-american-flutes-https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-sacred-healing-sounds-of-traditional-native-american-flutes-https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-sacred-healing-sounds-of-traditional-native-american-flutes-https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-sacred-healing-sounds-of-traditional-native-american-flutes-https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-sacred-healing-sounds-of-traditional-native-american-flutes-https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-sacred-healing-sounds-of-traditional-native-american-flutes-https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-sacred-healing-sounds-of-traditional-native-american-flutes-https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-sacred-healing-sounds-of-traditional-native-american-flutes-https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-sacred-healing-sounds-of-traditional-native-american-flutes-https://www.eventbrites-https://www.eventb

6:30 p.m. *Going Home: Sacred Roots, Living Legacy* — 250 Years of Devotion in Lexington https://www.eventbrite.com/e/going-home-sacred-roots-living-legacy-250-years-of-devotion-in-lexington-tickets-1559728372549?aff=oddtdtcreator

Thursday, September 25

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10:30 a.m. Baroque to Contemporary: Sacred Organ Music Concert featuring Grant Holcomb https://www.eventbrite.com/e/baroque-to-contemporary-sacred-organ-music-featuring-grant-holcomb-tickets-1560405387519?aff=oddtdtcreator

1:30 p.m. *Songs of Shabbat at Temple Adath Israel Synagogue*https://www.eventbrite.com/e/songs-of-shabbat-at-temple-addath-israel-tickets-1560428175679?aff=oddtdtcreator





7:00 p.m. How Can I Keep from Singing?

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/how-can-i-keep-from-singing-tickets-1560467302709?aff=oddtdtcreator

Friday, September 26

12:30 p.m. *Singing in the Spirit: The African and African American Musical Heritage* https://www.eventbrite.com/e/singing-in-the-spirit-the-african-and-african-american-musical-heritage-tickets-1560484724819?aff=oddtdtcreator

6:00 p.m. *Unity Through Sacred Music at Calvary Baptist Church* https://www.eventbrite.com/e/unity-through-sacred-music-tickets-1560535787549?aff=oddtdtcreator

7:30 p.m. **UK Symphony Orchestra** concert at Singletary Center for the Arts ** https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-faure-requiem-with-uk-chorale-at-the-cathedral-of-christ-the-king-tickets-1563966779739?aff=oddtdtcreator

Saturday, September 27

9:00 a.m. *The Gospel of Lexington: 250 Years of Faith, Hope & Strength Through Song* https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-gospel-of-lexington-250-years-of-faith-hope-strength-through-song-tickets-1564016177489?aff=oddtdtcreator

1:00 p.m. *Shape Note Singing through the Sacred Harp Tune Book*https://www.eventbrite.com/e/shape-note-singing-through-the-sacred-harp-tune-book-tickets-1563873530829?aff=oddtdtcreator

6:00 p.m. With a Piano as My Altar: The Virtuosic Hymn Arrangements of Tedrin Blair Lindsay https://www.eventbrite.com/e/with-a-piano-as-my-altar-virtuosic-hymn-arrangements-of-tedrin-b-lindsay-tickets-1563929438049?aff=oddtdtcreator

Sunday, September 28

1:00 p.m. *Hymn of Thanksgiving & Sacred Sonatas* featuring Daniel Mason & Friends string quartet at First Presbyterian Church Chapel https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hymn-of-thanksgiving-sacred-sonatas-tickets-1560561685009?aff=oddtdtcreator

2:30 p.m. *Faure Requiem presented by UK Chorale* at the Cathedral of Christ the King https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-faure-requiem-with-uk-chorale-at-the-cathedral-of-christ-the-king-tickets-1563966779739?aff=oddtdtcreator

** 6:00 p.m. *Duke Ellington Sacred Music Concert* featuring the American Spiritual Ensemble, Kentucky Jazz Repertory Orchestra, and others at Transylvania University's Mitchell Fine Arts Center.





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Registration is be recommended for each event. Events are free and open to the public unless marked ** representing ticket purchase requirements.



