

Around the Cross Concert Series

2012 - Season 14

Sunday, January 8, at 11 a.m.

HODIE by Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Holy Cross Choir, joined by the Voices in Harmony of Crystal Lake, 13 girls from the Red Rose choir, 3 guest soloists, and an orchestra of 30 players will present HODIE by Ralph Vaughan Williams. HODIE tells the Christmas story and is one of the choral masterpieces of the 20th century written by the greatest British composer of the modern era. These same forces will present the work in Crystal Lake at the Raue Center at 4 p.m. on January 15th.

Saturday, February 4, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Frank Portolese, jazz guitar

Frank Portolese, Green Oaks resident and frequent performer on our concert series, returns accompanied by double bass and percussion to entertain one and all with a variety of jazz arrangements. Frank will perform in our customary "coffeehouse" setting and beverages and snacks will be served. Frank plays throughout the United States and enjoys playing at Holy Cross because it is the closest to his house among all his performing venues. A freewill admission will benefit the youth of Holy Cross.

Sunday, March 4, at 4 p.m.

Kurt Johnson, Barb Cannon, and Randy Casey

This trio of members of Holy Cross returns to perform a program of Latin American music, the highlight of which will be the "Four Season of Buenos Aires" by Astor Piazzolla. Other solo works also by Piazzolla will also appear on the concert. Kurt is a charter member of Holy Cross and a member of the Houston Symphony. Barb is a member of the Lake Forest Symphony, is the principal cellist of the Kenosha Symphony, and performs with Music in the Mountains in Durango, Colorado. Randy is active as an accompanist throughout the North Shore of Chicago.

Saturday, April 14, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Jason Deroche, guitar

Mark Brewer, harp

The Deroche-Brewer Duo appeared on our concert series two years ago and we are more than happy to invite them back for a second "coffeehouse" concert of the season. They first played together in November, 2007, in Elmhurst at the Redeemer Lutheran Church and have been performing throughout the Chicago area ever since. Jason Deroche is one of the most exciting guitarists of his generation. Mark Brewer has performed professionally for more than 30 years and plays regularly with the New Millennium Orchestra and the Chicago Jazz Orchestra.