

2023-2024 Season Brochure









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Welcome to our 2023-2024 Season

Dear Friends in Music,

Welcome to our 14th season! The Fox Valley Music Consortium is excited to present another season of incredible programming, with great experiences awaiting all who attend our performances and take part in our educational classes. Our directors and performers have worked hard to bring you a variety of music through each of our ensembles and youth programs.

Our season opening concert takes place on September 24. We return to St. Mark's Lutheran Church with the Fox Valley Orchestra under the baton of Maestro Stephen Squires and featuring guest artist Mark Baldin who performs a trumpet concerto penned by local composer and friend Mark Lathan. From there we have excellent shows in October by all of our adult level performing groups including the Fox Valley Jazz Big Band at the Aurora Christian Schools Theater, the Fox Chamber Singers at Our Lady of Good Counsel, and the Fox Valley Brass Band at Wesley United Methodist. It is a wonderful array of programming by top notch musicians from our own community that you won't want to miss!

We're pleased to continue offering our youth music education and performance opportunities through our Fox Valley Youth Orchestra, Youth Chorus, and Youth Jazz programs. We welcome new director Timothy Edwards to the FVYO, and Gregory McMahill as a new director for our FVYC program as well as a director for the Nucleo site with our Fox Valley El Sistema program. We are especially thrilled to be offering a variety of music classes for underprivileged students in our community at this new Nucleo site on weekends throughout the year!

And lastly, a request! We implore you to help spread awareness about all that we do. Our cultural performances, educational lectures, youth competitions and internships, and the variety of music that we promote is integral to passing on our musical heritage to the next generations. Share us with your friends and family and consider bringing them to our performances. They will not be disappointed! Our reasonably priced shows and educational programs make everything we do accessible to the wider community. We hope for your support and we welcome you to enjoy and appreciate them with us!

Sincerely, Jonathan Hauser President Fox Valley Music Consortium

Fox Valley Orchestra & Chorus Classical Series Stephen Squires, Music Director Lisa Fredenburgh, Chorus Master



The Trumpet Sounds Sunday, Sept 24, 2023 **3 PM** St Mark's Lutheran Church



Fox Valley Orchestra Stephen Squires, conductor Mark Baldin, trumpet Rossini - La Gazza Ladra Overture Lathan - Trumpet Concerto deFalla - Ritual Fire Dance Suites 1 & 2 from The Three Cornered Hat

Harmoniemusik

Sunday, Oct 29, 2023 **3 PM** St Mark's Lutheran Church



Fox Valley Orchestra Stephen Squires, conductor

> **Donizetti** - Sinfonia in G Minor **Lachner** - Octet in Bb **Dvořák**- Serenade in D Minor

Fox Valley Holiday Sunday, Dec 3, 2023 **3 PM** St Mark's Lutheran Church



Fox Valley Orchestra and Chorus Stephen Squires, conductor Lisa Fredenburgh, chorus master

> Monteverdi - Sonata sopra Sancta Maria Saint-Saëns - Oratorio de Noël, op. 12 Holiday Selections for Brass and Percussion!

Fox Valley Orchestra & Chorus Classical Series (continued)



Sunday, Jan 21, 2024 **3 PM Crimi Auditorium, Aurora University**



Fox Valley Orchestra

Stephen Squires, conductorLisa Fredenburgh, chorus masterConcerto Competition winnersVoice Competition winners

Eddie Zhou, *piano* Julia Kim, *violin* Sofia Radovic, *violin* Rebecca Clark, *soprano* Ashton Jones, *baritone* Aurelia Faidley, *cello*

Classical Masters

Sunday, Mar 17, 2024 2 PM Marmion Abbey Church



Fox Valley Orchestra & Chorus Stephen Squires, conductor Lisa Fredenburgh, chorus master

> Albrechtsberger - Te Deum Schubert - Mass in G Major Mozart - Symphony No. 41 "Jupiter"

Colors of Passion Sunday, Apr 28, 2024 **3 PM** St Mark's Lutheran Church



Fox Valley Orchestra Stephen Squires, conductor Anastasiya Squires, flute

> Reinecke - Flute Concerto Sheehan - Anachronism Bizet/Bourne - Carmen Fantasy Tchaikovsky - Symphony No. 5



To find out more information online and for tickets visit **foxvalleyorchestra.org**

Join us for our 12th Annual Sing Along Messiah Sunday, Dec 17, 2023 **2 PM** Marmion Abbey Church





Fox Valley Orchestra & Chorus Lisa Fredenburgh, chorus master

Come celebrate the Christmas Holidays by singing Part 1 of Handel's Messiah along with the Hallelujah Chorus and seasonal carols.

Bring your own Messiah score to sing along, or purchase one at the door!







Fox Valley Orchestra Summer Pops Series Stephen Squires, Music Director



FVO Goes West Sunday, June 30, 2024 **3 PM** St Mark's Lutheran Church

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Fox Valley Orchestra Stephen Squires, conductor

We celebrate America's great westward expansion with music of our pioneers, cowboys, and fearless explorers. Included is Grofe's classic "Grand Canyon Suite".

Masters of Broadway Sunday, July 21, 2024 **3 PM** St Mark's Lutheran Church



Fox Valley Orchestra Stephen Squires, conductor

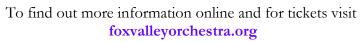
From the classics of Rodgers and Hammerstein, Lerner and Lowe, Bernstein, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Sondheim, and others, the FVO honors our great American artform.

Percussive Jazz

Sunday, Aug 11, 2024 **3 PM** St Mark's Lutheran Church

Fox Valley Orchestra Stephen Squires, conductor Robert Chappell, percussion

Stellar percussionist/pianist Robert Chappell teams with the FVO to present a varied slate of jazz, world music, and ethnic jazz treats.





Fox Valley Jazz Big Band Jeff Ford, Music Director



Classical Music Re-imagined Sunday, Oct 8, 2023 **4 PM** Aurora Christian Schools Theater



The music of Bach, Bernstein, Handel, Holst and other famous composers reimagined for the big band!

Big Band and the Holidays Sunday, Nov 19, 2023 **4 PM** Aurora Christian Schools Theater



Traditional holiday favorites presented as only a big band can. Featuring the beautiful vocals of Julie Ann Casselli.

Fox Valley Brass Band Victor Anderson, Music Director



Let's Dance! Sunday, Oct 22, 2023 **3 PM** Wesley United Methodist Church

Featuring brass band arrangements of dance music from around the world. Come hear the rhythmic music of the Balkans, the fast and furious music of the Cossacks, the beautiful and comical music of the Scottish, and traditional renaissance music of Old England. (Ticketed concert)



The Unconquerable Soul Sunday, Mar 3, 2024 **3 PM** Wesley United Methodist Church

Driven by passion, faith, determination, fate, and evil, the unconquerable soul compromises nothing and surrenders to no one. Music by Bizet, Verdi, Fucek, Sousa, and Wagner will be featured in this concert headlined by William Himes Invictus March. (Ticketed concert) Holiday Traditions Sunday, Dec 10, 2023 **3 PM** Wesley United Methodist Church

Holiday traditions celebrated through the warm sounds of the Fox Valley Brass Band featuring Holiday music from around the world. Fox Valley Brass Band will have you singing and dancing along to classic Christmas Carols and other favorites.

(Donations to WUMC)



Summer Pops Sunday, June 23, 2024 **3 PM** Wesley United Methodist Church

Come soak up the summer sun with the Fox Valley Brass Band and enjoy show tunes, patriotic melodies, and pops tunes from throughout the ages.

Note: This event may move outside! (Donations to WUMC)



Opera House Concert Sunday, Mar 24, 2024 **3 PM** Sandwich Opera House



The band is excited for their first performance at the Opera House. Enjoy a variety of traditional Big Band favorites, current big band arrangements, music of the Beatles and a few surprises for the audience! The Modern Big Band Sunday, June 2, 2024 **4 PM** Aurora Christian Schools Theater



Music from the 21st century. The music of Maria Schneider, Callum Au, Chris Walden and more contemporary jazz composers. Also featuring our first High School Jazz competition winners! Come with your ears wide open!

To find out more information online and for tickets visit fvjazzbigband.org



To find out more information online and for tickets visit foxvalleybrassband.org

Fox Chamber Singers Lisa Fredenburgh, Director



Canticum Sacrum Sunday, Oct 15, 2023 **5 PM** Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church



This beautiful program works together with the acoustic to explore music of the cathedral across the many centuries. We will contrast the motets of the renaissance with that of J.S. Bach and the modern day. Works by Adler, Bernstein, Nystedt, Hyo Won Woo and historic composers Byrd, Rossi, and Tchesnokov.

Hearts Universal Sunday, Feb 11, 2024 **3 PM** St Mark's Lutheran Church



Love as a state of being is the central theme of this concert. Music familiar and new that explores the idea and beauty of the universal love. The choir will be interspersed with solo music by the talents of the singers as soloists in a kaleidescope of textures and ideas.

Night and Day Saturday, June 22, 2024 **2 PM** Marmion Abbey Church



Music that celebrates the majesty of the earth, the heavens and all nature. Composers all over the world and of several choral genres will feature: James Macmillan and Ola Gjielo, will be joined by Clara and Robert Schumann, Lili Boulanger, the great impressionist composer, and their friend Johannes Brahms.

To find out more information online and for tickets visit **foxchambersingers.org**



FVMC 2024 Young Artist Competitions

FVO Annual Youth Concerto Competition Spring 2024

Awards and performances with the Fox Valley Orchestra **1st Place \$500 2nd Place \$300 3rd Place \$200** For details visit **foxvalleyorchestra.org/youthconcerto.php**

FVOC Annual Collegiate Voice Competition Spring 2024

Awards and performances with the Fox Valley Orchestra 1st Place \$500 2nd Place \$300 3rd Place \$200 For details visit foxvalleyorchestra.org/youthvoice.php

FVJBB Annual Youth Jazz Competition Spring 2024

Awards and performances with the Fox Valley Jazz Big Band 1st Place \$500 2nd Place \$300 3rd Place \$200 For details visit fvjazzbigband.org

FVBB Annual Youth Brass Competition Spring 2024

Awards and performances with the Fox Valley Brass Band **1st Place \$500 2nd Place \$300 3rd Place \$200** For details visit **foxvalleybrassband.org**



Sunday, October 1, 2023 12:30 - 3:30pm

COOL ACRES SHELTER 500 CLEARWATER DRIVE | AURORA, IL 60506 1/4 NORTH OF INDIAN TRAIL (ROUTE 25)

Join us for an afternoon of family-friendly fun, music, games, raffles, an "instrument" petting zoo, and a picnic lunch.

Adult: \$25 Child: \$18 (ages 3-12)

All proceeds help fund our adult and youth musical performances and educational programs!

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Fox Valley Youth Orchestra



Youth Symphony - Andrea LaFranzo, director Youth Sinfonietta - Tanner Longfellow, director Inizio Strings - Timothy Edwards, director

Fall Concert

Monday, Dec 4, 2023 7:00pm

Aurora Christian Schools Theater 2255 Sullivan Rd. Aurora, IL 60506

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the door. Children 5 and under are free!



Monday Evening Rehearsals at Aurora Christian Schools

Spring Concert Monday, Apr 22, 2024 7:00pm

Aurora Christian Schools Theater 2255 Sullivan Rd. Aurora, IL 60506

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the door. Children 5 and under are free!



Summer Camp Sessions Are Also Available

For enrollment information and to find out more about Fox Valley Youth Orchestra ensembles please visit us online at fvyouthorchestra.org



Fox Valley Youth Chorus



Cantabile Singers - Gregory McMahill, director Youth Singers - Patricia Doctor, director

Fall Concert

Tuesday, Dec 5, 2023 6:30pm

Aurora Christian Schools Theater 2255 Sullivan Rd. Aurora, IL 60506

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the door. Children 5 and under are free!



Tuesday Evening Rehearsals at Aurora Christian Schools

Spring Concert Tuesday, Apr 23, 2024 6:30pm

Aurora Christian Schools Theater 2255 Sullivan Rd. Aurora, IL 60506

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the door. Children 5 and under are free!

Summer Camp Sessions Are Also Available

For enrollment information and to find out more about Fox Valley Youth Chorus ensembles please visit us online at fvyouthchorus.org



Fox Valley Youth Jazz



Jazz Band -Billy VanDuzor, director

Fall Concert

Thursday, Nov 16, 2023 7:00pm

Aurora Christian Schools Theater 2255 Sullivan Rd. Aurora, IL 60506

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the door. Children 5 and under are free!



Thursday Evening Rehearsals at Aurora Christian Schools

Spring Concert Thursday, Apr 18, 2024 7:00pm Aurora Christian Schools Theater 2255 Sullivan Rd. Aurora, IL 60506 Tickets are \$5 and may be

purchased at the door. Children 5 and under are free!



Summer Camp Sessions Are Also Available

For enrollment information and to find out more about Fox Valley Youth Jazz ensembles please visit us online at fvyouthjazz.org



Fox Valley El Sistema



Strings, Woodwinds, Percussion, Brass, Ukulele Christine Moore & Gregory McMahill, directors

By removing the economic barrier to entry that is common to the performing arts world, El Sistema opens the doors to those most in need of these opportunities. Through free instruction and provided instruments, children are given a chance they would likely never receive or afford elsewhere.



School Year Partnerships with Aurora Elementary Schools



We hope that you will consider joining our program sponsors to bring quality and lifechanging opportunities to our area kids. The success and growth of this venture is wholly dependent on funding for its operation.

Friday and Saturday Sessions at St Peter's Catholic Church

For enrollment information and to find out more about Fox Valley El Sistema program please visit us online at foxvalleyelsistema.org







Annual Celebration Dinner Sunday, April 7, 2024 5:30 to 9:00pm Two Brothers Roundhouse Banquet Room

Ticket are just \$95 for an incredible evening of music, food, games, and prizes as we support our musicians and students.

> Order tickets online at: Foxvalleymusicconsortium.org



Order Form



2023 – 2024 Tickets

Return this form to:

Fox Valley Music Consortium, PO Box 2138, Aurora, IL 60507

Box Office Number: 630-891-2526

Fox Valley Orchestra Classical Subscriptions (general admission)

Regular Pre-Concert Day Ticket Prices: \$20 Regular; \$18 Senior/Student; \$12 Kids up to 8

SUBSCRIPTIONS	PRICE	# TICKETS	TOTAL
Classical Series 4 concerts (10% off)	\$72 Regular \$65 Senior/Student \$43 Kids up to 8		
Classical Series 5 concerts (15% off)	\$85 Regular \$77 Senior/Student \$51 Kids up to 8		
Classical Series 6 concerts (20% off)	\$96 Regular \$86 Senior/Student \$58 Kids up to 8		

Circle Selected FVO Subscription Concerts: 9/24 10/29 12/3 1/21 3/17 4/28

Fox Valley Orchestra Summer Pops Subscriptions (general admission)

Regular Pre-Concert Day Ticket Prices: \$24 Regular; \$20 Senior/Student; \$16 Kids up to 8

SUBSCRIPTIONS	PRICE	# TICKETS	TOTAL
Summer Pops Series 2 concerts (10% off)	\$43 Regular \$36 Senior/Student \$29 Kids up to 8		
Summer Pops Series 3 concerts (15% off)	\$61 Regular \$51 Senior/Student \$41 Kids up to 8		

Circle Selected FVO Subscription Concerts: 6/30 7/21 8/11

Sing Along Messiah (general admission)

CONCERT	PRICE	# TICKETS	TOTAL
Sing Along Messiah	\$12		

Fox Valley Jazz Big Band (general admission)

CONCERT	PRICE	# TICKETS	TOTAL
Classical Music Re-imagined	\$18.50 Regular \$15 Senior/Student		
Big Band and the Holidays	\$18.50 Regular \$15 Senior/Student		
Opera House Concert sandwichoperahouse.org	(See Opera House Website)	N/A	N/A
The Modern Big Band	\$18.50 Regular \$15 Senior/Student		

Fox Valley Brass Band (general admission)

CONCERT	PRICE	# TICKETS	TOTAL
Let's Dance!	\$15 Regular \$12 Senior/Student		
Holidays Traditions	Donations to WUMC	N/A	N/A
The Unconquerable Soul	\$15 Regular \$12 Senior/Student		
Summer Pops	Donations to WUMC	N/A	N/A

Fox Chamber Singers (general admission)

CONCERT	PRICE	# TICKETS	TOTAL
Canticum Sacrum	\$18.50 Regular \$15 Senior/Student		
Hearts Universal	\$18.50 Regular \$15 Senior/Student		
Night and Day	\$18.50 Regular \$15 Senior/Student		

I would like to be a FVMC partner in providing quality music and youth music education program to the Fox Valley Community by making a tax deductible donation.



Ensure long-term sustainability of the FVMC and its ensembles by becoming a member of the FVMC League. Membership revenue directly grows the FVMC endowment at the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley.

Annual Membership	Lifetime Membership
(single) \$100	(single) \$1000
Annual Membership	Lifetime Membership
(couple) \$175	(couple) \$1750
Donations (from above)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

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Our Mission

The Fox Valley Music Consortium is a not-for-profit cultural organization whose purpose is to provide fine musical performances for people of all ages as well as educational opportunities for youth.

We are a recognized 501(c)(3) charitable organization.



Ticket sales only provide a fraction of the FVMC's operating budget. Please consider making a contribution to the Fox Valley Music Consortium to ensure its fiscal health and have a positive impact on the Fox Valley Region.

If you are interested in supporting our work please contact us at info@foxvalleymusicconsortium.org

We are searching for volunteers, sponsors, and future board members. We look forward to hearing from you!

