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Hearing is Believing: New holiday concert debuts in Greenwich

**GLORiA! *Music of the Season* celebrates a new partnership between
Christ Church Greenwich and the Young Artists Philharmonic**

Greenwich, CT - November 14 , 2017 - Christ Church Greenwich and the Young Artists Philharmonic announce a new partnership culminating in the holiday concert *GLORiA: Music of the Season* taking place on Saturday, December 9 at 6pm in the church sanctuary.

“This is exciting news for classical music fans in our community,” says Jamie Hitel, Director of Music, Christ Church Greenwich. “This new partnership finds its roots in the shared purpose of immersing young performers in rich repertoire from across the centuries. The program for *GLORiA: Music of the Season* will include movements from Vivaldi's effervescent *Gloria*, as well as a stirring setting of the same text by Haydn for boy treble solo, choir, and orchestra. The English Baroque receives a nod in Purcell's setting of *Rejoice in the Lord always*, before the evening is brought to a rousing conclusion with movements from Handel's *Messiah*, including the *Hallelujah* chorus.”

Tickets can be purchased [online](http://christchurchgreenwich.org/gloria) at christchurchgreenwich.org/gloria, and at the door, with patron tickets receiving priority seating in the historic church sanctuary at Christ Church Greenwich.

“Youth orchestras rarely get the chance to collaborate with choirs, so this is an incredible opportunity for all the young musicians involved. This symbiotic partnership will show the community just how much talent there is in our own backyard. Our mission of musical excellence in instrumental performance for young people accords with the world-class standards of Christ Church Music and its choirs. We invite the public to join us for a wonderful evening of baroque and classical masterpieces,” says Gregory Robbins, Executive Director of the Young Artists Philharmonic.

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[Christ Church Music](#) is a renowned world-class RSCM-certified church music program. A model of the Anglican choral tradition with a rich history and global reach, it offers six active choirs, concerts, tours, and a vibrant teen scholar program. From enriching liturgy and worship, to training musicians, Christ Church Music creates community and develops musical excellence. Striving to foster and strengthen a lifelong appreciation for music in children and adults, the program offers abundant opportunities for singers, instrumentalists, and listeners. Generations of choristers have found friendship, fun, and a welcoming community through their involvement in the choirs of Christ Church Greenwich.

[Christ Church Greenwich recently appointed Jonathan Vaughn as Associate Director of Music](#). An acclaimed organist with extensive teaching experience, Jonathan's service includes Wells Cathedral and St. Edmundsbury Cathedral in the UK. He is a former organ scholar of St. John's College, Cambridge, and St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. Jonathan became a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists at the early age of sixteen and has won top prizes in organ playing.

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For over fifty years, the [Young Artists Philharmonic](#) has educated young musicians from all over Connecticut and Westchester. The orchestra's mission is to educate, enrich and inspire young people through the transformative power and beauty of music.

[Christ Church Greenwich](#) is one of New England's oldest and largest Episcopal churches. Established as a parish in 1749, it is a lively community of faith. Often billed as the "Cathedral" of Greenwich, Christ Church Greenwich offers opportunities for worship, celebration, music, youth and adult education, outreach, fellowship, and pastoral care. Christ Church Greenwich is also the home of the [Courage & Faith](#) speaker series, the Christ Church Bookstore, and Christ Church Nursery School. The historic ten acre campus and facilities benefit the greater Greenwich community by hosting thousands of meetings, concerts, and events every year, and housing vital community service programs including Alcoholics Anonymous and Neighbor to Neighbor.

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