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2024-2025 • 58TH SEASON

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## FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Welcome to our 58th season! We are excited to embark on a wonderful year filled with programs that will ground and support us. Our winter program will focus on cultivating hope, featuring works inspired by a variety of practices, traditions, and texts that connect us to hope, joy, and the belief in each other. As we move into spring, we will explore the depth and beauty of the heart with pieces reflecting loss, connection, and grace. We are also thrilled to continue our passion and commitment to new and adventurous music and host our eleventh New Music for Treble Voices festival on March 29th. This festival will showcase our collaboration with Composer-in-Residence Amy X Neuburg and feature a piece from our time as a guest ensemble with the Stanford University Graduate Composition program. We can't wait to share our adventures with you!

— Dr. Anne K. Hege, Artistic Director

## 2024 WINTER CONCERTS

### CULTIVATING HOPE



PWC's winter concert fuels the flame of hope with a rich selection of international holiday songs celebrating Kwanzaa, Christmas, and Noche Buena, interspersed with songs of light, faith, and survival. Join us in cultivating hope through works that connect us to traditions, practices, histories, and words of wisdom that show us the ever-present possibilities around us.

Experience the hope through PWC classics like vocal arrangements from *Song of Survival*, **J.S. Bach's** intimate "Suscepit Israel," and the poignant "Before I Forget" by our Composer-in-Residence **Amy X Neuburg**. See the light in **Morten Lauridsen's** luminously serene "Sure on this Shining Night," **Joan Szymko's** reflective "Only Light, Only Love," and **Anton Bruckner's** soaring "Os Justi," arranged for treble voices by PWC's Artistic Director **Anne Hege**.

Don't miss your chance to hear Bay Area composer **Eric Tuan's** rousing "Ain't I a Woman?" from his four-part set *A Great Cloud of Witnesses* and the world premiere of the treble arrangement of Los Angeles composer **Saunders Choi's** "Meet Me for Noche Buena." Bound to be a new holiday classic, this work depicts the joyous and colorful celebrations of Noche Buena, with poetry by San Mateo's former Poet Laureate, Aileen Cassinetta. Join us for a glorious and uplifting concert!

**FRI, DEC 13, 2024 AT 7PM**  
First United Methodist Church  
625 Hamilton Ave, Palo Alto

**SAT, DEC 14, 2024 AT 2PM**  
Mission Santa Clara  
500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara



## 11TH NEW MUSIC FOR TREBLE VOICES FESTIVAL

**SAT, MAR 29, 2025 AT 2:30PM**  
First Congregational Church  
1985 Louis Rd, Palo Alto

## 2025 SPRING CONCERTS

### BREAK OPEN TO BEAUTY



Our spring concerts will showcase **Giovanni Pergolesi's** heart-wrenchingly beautiful *Stabat Mater*, an early 18th-century poignant portrayal of a mother's grief. This classic will be complemented by the world premieres of two new works for PWC: Composer-in-Residence **Amy X Neuburg's** "Home is Where," exploring our feelings about home and place, and an excerpt from our 2026 Composer-in-Residence **Freida Abtan's** opera-in-progress, reimagining the Orpheus myth and his overwhelming grief that threatens the living world.

After diving into the depths of loss, we recover and reconnect with the light while revisiting PWC favorites, including **Michael Bussewitz Quarm's** haunting "Nigra Sum," highlighting the promise of a new spring; **Morten Lauridsen's** serene "Sure on this Shining Night"; and **Ron Jeffers'** heavenly arrangement of "Amazing Grace."

Come with an open heart and immerse yourself in the profound beauty and depth of emotions!

**FRI, MAY 2, 2025 AT 7:30PM**  
First Congregational Church  
1985 Louis Rd, Palo Alto

**SUN, MAY 4, 2025 AT 4PM**  
Transfiguration Episcopal Church  
3900 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo



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