

Les Chansons Des Roses

Vanguard Voices' performances in its 28th season will explore the symbolism of the rose in poetry, song and composition. The season begins with a much-anticipated collaboration with the Archdiocesan Chorus of Detroit. The two choirs will present an early December concert performance of Steven Errante's *The Boar's Head Festival* in the stunning setting of Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament. This much-loved work will be repeated by Vanguard Voices the following day at Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church in Dearborn, where Errante dedicated the hour-long holiday favorite in 1972.

The annual Dearborn Holiday Choral Festival will pair Vanguard Voices with the Dearborn Community Chorus and Dearborn Public Schools Elementary Honors Choir in a performance of Cecilia McDowall's *Christus Natus Est: A Cantata for Christmas*. Vanguard Voices also will perform its own holiday selections, including John Joubert's *There Is No Rose* and Herbert Howells' *A Spotless Rose*.

In late February, Vanguard Voices will join with other Henry Ford College vocal and instrumental ensembles in the 25th President's Collage Concert. Always an audience favorite, the 90-minute program encompasses the variety of musical styles the college offers, from ancient chant to modern jazz.

Two mid-May concerts by Vanguard Voices & Brass will be filled with rose musical imagery. The major work to be performed is Morten Lauridsen's *Les Chansons des Roses*, the five-song cycle based on poems by Rainer Maria Rilke. Other works range from the 16th Century *Ah le guancie de rose* by Andreas Gabrieli and 17th Century Orlando Gibbons' *Fair is the Rose* to the Irish folksong *The Last Rose of Summer* to Meredith Willson's Broadway chestnut *Lida Rose* and local composer Stuart Scott's *Red, Red Rose*.

We invite you to join us in the discovery of timeless choral and instrumental music. To learn more about becoming a member of Vanguard Voices, call 313-845-6474 or visit www.vanguardvoices.org.

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The Boar's Head Festival Concerts

STEVEN ERRANTE

Cathedral Cultural Series

ARCHDIOCESAN CHORUS - JOE BALISTRERI, DIRECTOR
VANGUARD VOICES
BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

Saturday, December 7, 2019, 7:30 p.m.
Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament
9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit
Free-Will Offering

Music at Cherry Hill

VANGUARD VOICES
BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

Sunday, December 8, 2019, 4 p.m.
Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church
24110 Cherry Hill Road, Dearborn
Free-Will Offering

Dearborn Holiday Choral Festival

Celebrating the season

VANGUARD VOICES
DEARBORN COMMUNITY CHORUS - MARCUS LAPRATT, DIRECTOR
DEARBORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ELEMENTARY HONORS CHOIR -
CHARISSA DUNCANSON, DIRECTOR
VANGUARD BRASS & PERCUSSION

Featuring

CECILIA McDOWALL

Christus Natus Est: A Cantata for Christmas

Saturday, December 14, 2019, 6 p.m.
Michael A. Guido Theater
Ford Community & Performing Arts Center
15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn
Reserved Tickets: \$18, \$15, \$11 (\$13, \$10, \$6 student)
(313) 943-2354 • www.dearborntheater.com



Artistic Director G. Kevin Dewey is director of choirs at Henry Ford College in Dearborn, Michigan, where he conducts HFC Chorus, Renaissance Voices and Blue Fusion vocal jazz ensemble.

He brings experience as a professional vocal and instrumental performer, composer and arranger to the podium, where he leads Vanguard Voices with vibrancy, enthusiasm and the joy of performing the world's great music.

Vanguard Voices is one of several cultural organizations sponsored by the City of Dearborn Recreation & Parks Department and is choir-in-residence at Henry Ford College.

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25th Annual HFC President's Collage Concert

VANGUARD VOICES
CHORAL AND INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES FROM
HENRY FORD COLLEGE

Saturday, February 29, 2020, 7 p.m.
Michael A. Guido Theater
Ford Community & Performing Arts Center
15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn
Reserved Tickets: \$18
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Vanguard Spring Concert

VANGUARD VOICES
VANGUARD BRASS QUINTET
DAVID V. HUFFORD, ACCOMPANIST

Featuring

MORTEN LAURIDSEN

Les Chansons des Roses

STEVEN ERRANTE

Sing to the Lord a New Song

Friday, May 15, 2020, 8 p.m.
Saturday, May 16, 2020, 4 p.m.
Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church
24110 Cherry Hill Road, Dearborn
General Admission:
\$15 at the door; \$13 in advance; \$6 student
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Vanguard Voices holds open rehearsals and welcomes new members in September and January. For more information, visit vanguardvoices.org.