



Grosse Pointe Community Chorus

## *o come, all ye faithful*

By Anne Erickson

The holidays are here, as are plenty of opportunities to enjoy festive holiday music. From Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra to Grosse Pointe Community Chorus to Detroit Concert Choir, some of the most anticipated concerts in Grosse Pointe return for the 2019 season.

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra's show is set for Nov. 24 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Woods. It will feature the works "Grand Choeur Dialogue" by Gigout with David Troiano on organ, "Concerto for Clarinet and Orchestra in F minor" with Shannon Orme on clarinet and "Cantata BWV 41: Jesu Nun Sei Gepreiset" by JS Bach. The evening will wrap up with a holiday sing-along.

Grosse Pointe Community Chorus will perform at St. Clare of Montefalco in Grosse Pointe Park on Dec. 8. The program will feature an array of music to welcome the winter and holiday season.


"Our program ranges from songs like 'Let it Snow' and 'I'll Be Home for Christmas' to 'Waltz for an Open Sleigh' and 'Christmas Time is Here' to 'Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring,'" says Sandra Mengel, president of the Chorus.

"Sonia Lee, a virtuoso violinist who has played across the country, will join us that day to accompany some of our songs and also to perform a solo of Ave Maria," she adds. "We are really looking forward to performing with Ms. Lee."

Mengel says she loves how the holiday concerts kick off the most wonderful time of the year.

"We plan our concert for early December to help mark the beginning of the holiday season," she says. "It gives our audience an afternoon to sit back and enjoy music that is both familiar and new that can ease them into the rest of December."

"We love to see familiar faces in the audience from year to year," she adds, "and know that families and friends often dine together afterwards to continue the glow."

Lastly, celebrate the holiday season with Detroit Concert Choir at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church on Dec. 15. Its 2019 concert promises Christmas classics in addition to a collection of lesser known works. 

### **Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra:**

Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Sunday, Nov. 24, 7:30 p.m.  
Tickets and information at  
[gpsymphony.org](http://gpsymphony.org)

### **Grosse Pointe Community Chorus:**

St. Clare of Montefalco  
Sunday, Dec. 8, 2 p.m.  
Tickets and information at  
[grossepointecommunitychorus.org](http://grossepointecommunitychorus.org)

### **Detroit Concert Choir:**

Grosse Pointe Woods  
Presbyterian Church  
Sunday, Dec. 15, 3 p.m.  
Tickets and information at  
[detroitconcertchoir.org](http://detroitconcertchoir.org)