

# 2023 Schedule of Musicians

## JANUARY 6 JIMMY ROGERS



It's as traditional as greens and black-eyed peas to have this local favorite kicking off our New Year! Welcome the new season with Jimmy and his high-energy combination of honky-tonk classics and originals.

## FEBRUARY 3 SUNFLOWER

Let the soothing sounds of the Native American flute sweep over you at the hands of this internationally known and award winning musician. If you get so relaxed you fall asleep she will consider it a compliment!



## MARCH 3 KRAINEVA & KRASNOW



Sure to be one of our most unique concerts this season is the musical duo of violist Elena Kraineva and reed organist Jay Krasnow. Both well

respected musicians in their own fields, they bring together the wonderful music of the Baroque Masters and more.



## APRIL 14 MILT GOEDDE

(note date change due to Good Friday)



Having Milt perform for us is the very definition of "serendipity" involving a DIY project and a trip to Cincinnati. You won't want to miss this incredibly creative piano man serving up pop and jazz standards from Count Basie and Hoagy Carmichael to the Beatles and everything in between. No DIY project or trip to Cincinnati required!!

## MAY 5 APPLACHIAN GRASS

Vernon McIntyre and his crew serve up some authentic bluegrass for us this month. The slogan on their website says it all... "bluegrass—it's what we know, it's what we like, it's what we do." This concert is a must-see for all who love this great American music!



## JUNE 2 THE FLYING KLEZMERIANS



New name but still the same high energy music from the Eastern European Jewish tradition. This band returns by popular demand to wear their crazy colorful shirts and play for us!

## JULY 7 SYRODESY



Scheduled for 2022 but unable to attend, the flute trio Syrodesy comes to delight us with compelling interpretations and new compositions for flutes of all sizes—from piccolo to contrabass.

## AUGUST 4 CHAD "The Crooner" BROWN

If you love Sinatra and the "Rat Pack", you are going to love "The Crooner"! Singing the songs of this classic era, his voice embraces the words and melodies of a bygone time. Once we heard him we knew he was perfect for our series. Don't miss this!



## SEPTEMBER 1 TRIO APERITIF

Cellist Michael Ronstadt from last year's series teams up with Annette Misener on violin and Phillip Roberts on piano for a wonderful hour of jewel-like selections of Classical Music. The acoustics in the sanctuary are just waiting to waft these sounds across your ears.



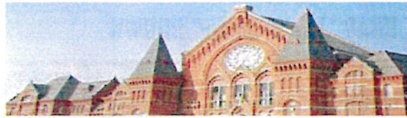
**OCTOBER 6 MIKE HEMMELGARN AND FRIENDS**



A front row seat can get a little scary when the bowling balls start to fly...or the knives....or the chainsaws. Oops, just kidding about the chainsaws!

PLUS, meet Mike's cast of ever changing characters that magically appear from his bag of tricks. Audience participation guaranteed!

**NOVEMBER 3 CINCINNATI OPERA PRESENTS!**



An instant hit in our 2022 Concert series, singers from the renowned Cincinnati Opera return to feature the beloved arias, duets, and trios of opera's greatest composers. Come fill your mind, heart, and spirit at this incredible concert.

**DECEMBER 1 CHRISTMAS HARPS**

It's officially a tradition here and we couldn't be happier! Capture a moment of peaceful reflection to prepare yourself for all those holiday events by listening to heavenly harps! Make this your official start to the Christmas Season.



**About First Fridays @ First Methodist**

All of our concerts are free and open to the public. We are handicapped accessible with easy and convenient parking.

We periodically have local artists displayed in our art space with new installations opening at the First Friday Noontime Concert. Check each month for great local talent.

We welcome you to bring a sack lunch to enjoy during the concert.

The Middletown Community Foundation, the Miriam Knoll Foundation, the Barnitz Fund, and the congregation of the First United Methodist church have all been instrumental in the success of this concert series, now in its 16th year of bringing music to our community!



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