

# Performing Arts

24/25  
SEASON

*at St. Andrew's*



MENKEN ~ PUCCINI ~ CHRISTMAS ~ CANDLES ~ THEATRE  
CHAPLIN ~ PAYNE ~ CHANGE ~ BIG BAND ~ HOLLYWOOD

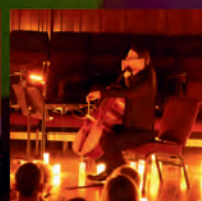
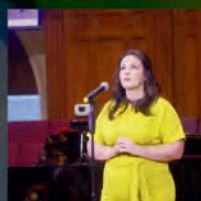




*"Laughter is timeless . . .  
 . . . imagination has no age . . ."*



*... and dreams are forever."  
 - Walt Disney*





# YOU MAY SAY I'M A DREAMER. . . BUT I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE



In the heart of a dreamer lies the unique ability to envision the unseen, to hear the unplayed, and to feel the pulse of possibilities yet to unfold. I am, at my core, a **dreamer**—one who not only cherishes the beauty of dreams but who is also deeply committed to the arduous, exhilarating journey of bringing them to life.

My love for music and the arts is a reflection of this innermost drive. It is a realm where **imagination** knows no bounds, and where every note offers a promise of discovery. Turning dreams into reality is not just an ambition; it is a labour of love. It requires courage, resilience, and an unwavering belief in the transformative power of creativity.

Since 2013, each performance has been a dream realized. From the spark of inspiration to the final applause, the journey is a tapestry woven from the threads of **imagination, dedication, and collaboration**. I thank everyone who has been a part of these concerts and look forward to presenting another fantastic season.

This season, we are thrilled to unveil **Pure Imagination**, a season that includes seven Saturdays at 7 concerts, another highly anticipated theatrical production, as well as some exciting guest concerts that are sure to delight the audience.

A heartfelt thanks for your ongoing support of the performing arts program at St. Andrew's. It is your unwavering encouragement that has transformed a simple “dream” into a cherished community treasure, something that fills me with immense pride to contribute to and oversee. So mark your calendars, we cannot wait for you to imagine what might unfold in the sanctuary at St. Andrew's this season.

**See you soon!**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Devan L. Hughes". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a thin, hand-drawn oval.



## WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS . . .

At the heart of every melody lies a simple truth—our musical journey is enriched **with a little help from our friends**. It is with immense warmth and gratitude that I acknowledge the continued financial support that you, our friends, have generously extended. The vibrancy of this space filled with music lovers, united in anticipation and basked in the glow of live performance, is not just inspiring; it's a testament to the **power of arts in our community**.

### Your Donation:

- *Allows us to continue to bring quality musical entertainment to Chatham-Kent*
- *Supports local artists as we give them opportunities to perform*
- *Allows us to invest in world-class instruments including our Yamaha concert grand piano and 1923 Casavant pipe organ*
- *Allows us to invest in the overall structure of the church sanctuary to preserve its acoustics for generations to come*
- *Supports the Choral Scholar Program*
- *Supports the Bel Canto Choir School*
- *Supports the Chatham-Kent Chamber Orchestra*
- *Supports the purchase of new music for all the ensembles*

For nearly two centuries, the St. Andrew's Music Program has enriched the community with unparalleled musical experiences. To safeguard its future, the **Uniac Music Trust Fund** was established in 2017, made possible by generous donations from members of the community. This initiative aims to ensure the program's vitality for generations to come. We invite you to consider contributing to this legacy, helping us continue to inspire and unite through music.

***If you would like more information about tax-receiptable giving to the music program or the Music Trust Fund, please contact Devon Hansen at [music@standrewschatham.org](mailto:music@standrewschatham.org)***



## A WHOLE NEW WORLD

### An Evening of Alan Menken

Experience the magic of Alan Menken's timeless music in the opening concert of our twelfth season. From Disney classics like ***Beauty and the Beast*** and ***Aladdin*** to Broadway hits such as ***Sister Act*** and ***Little Shop of Horrors***. This evening is perfect for the whole family. Whether it's Santa Fe, Agrabah, or Skid Row, Menken's music has transported us through the whimsical realms of imagination. Don't miss this season opener as we go *the distance* through an evening of Alan Menken that will leave you spellbound and inspired.

FREE-WILL  
OFFERING  
(SUGGESTED \$20)

SEPT 28  
2024

ST. ANDREW'S  
UNITED CHURCH  
7:00PM

*I see my songs and shows like a mosaic - part of a bigger picture*  
- Alan Menken



**SPOTLIGHT**  
*Series*



## **LUCKY STIFF: THE MUSICAL**

From the Tony Award-winning writing team, Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty's, comes **Lucky Stiff**. Based on the novel, *The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo* by Michael Butterworth, Lucky Stiff is an offbeat, hilarious murder mystery farce, complete with mistaken identities, six million bucks in diamonds and a corpse in a wheelchair. Featuring a tuneful score, an ensemble cast of zany characters and small combo orchestra, Lucky Stiff is an audience charmer that will leave you *dying* of laughter.

**Director: Christine Baribeau**  
**Musical Director: Devon Hansen**

TICKETS:  
\$25.00 IN SERIES  
\$30.00 SINGLE TICKET

**OCT 25-26**  
**2024**

ST. ANDREW'S  
UNITED CHURCH  
FRI: 7:00PM  
SAT: 2:00PM/7:00PM

*This is the theatre. And this is the best place for the imagination*  
- Matthew Morrison



## NESSUN DORMA

### A Century of Puccini and His Musical Legacy

Celebrating the centennial of Giacomo Puccini, a monumental figure in operatic history, this concert will play homage to the maestro's legacy. This show will feature a selection of Puccini's most beloved compositions alongside works inspired by his approach to melody and drama. Whether you're a lifelong opera fan or new to the genre, this night will enchant, educate, and inspire, with insights into the music's cultural significance and its ripple effects through generations. Don't miss this unique opportunity to connect with history and celebrate the future of music through Puccini's timeless works.

FREE-WILL  
OFFERING  
(SUGGESTED \$20)

NOV 16  
2024

ST. ANDREW'S  
UNITED CHURCH  
7:00PM

*I lived for Art, I lived for Love*  
- Giacomo Puccini





## **SO THIS IS CHRISTMAS**

### **Beyond the Bells: Finding the Heart in the Holidays**

Step beyond the sparkle and embrace the true essence of the season with St. Andrew's annual Christmas concert. This year, we look to rediscover the heart of the holidays amidst the commercial hustle. The concert choir, orchestra, children's choir, and members of the community unite once again to fill the Capitol Theatre with an evening of festive melodies and cherished carols. We invite you to once again help us fill the Capitol with festive joy. What do you think Devon has up his sleeves this year?

TICKETS:  
\$30.00 AVAILABLE AT  
[CKTICKETS.COM](https://www.cktickets.com)

**DEC 7  
2024**

**CHATHAM  
CAPITOL THEATRE**  
7:00PM

*At Christmas, all roads lead home and imagination lights the way*  
- Majorie Holmes





## MARK PAYNE RETURNS

Mark Payne, the quintessential musical chameleon, returns to St. Andrew's to dazzle us once more. His unparalleled versatility across genres allows for the intricate melodies of classical music to the heartfelt rhythms of country, the bold beats of rock, and the smooth grooves of jazz. Celebrated for his dynamic range and captivating performances, Mark's return to St. Andrew's promises an even richer tapestry of musical exploration. A virtuoso at the piano and a magnetic entertainer, his infectious energy and commanding stage presence are set to enchant us anew. Join us for another unforgettable journey with Mark, as we celebrate the unifying and transformative power of music.

TICKETS:  
\$25.00 IN SERIES  
\$30.00 SINGLE TICKET

**JAN 18**  
**2025**

ST. ANDREW'S  
UNITED CHURCH  
7:00PM

*Music acts like a magic key, to which the most tightly closed heart opens*  
- Maria von Trapp



*Saturdays at 7*

## **STAND BY ME**

### **Celebrating Black Music and its Influence**

In honour of Black History Month, bathed in the warm glow of candlelight, our stage will spotlight the legendary melodies and voices of influential Black artists spanning the last century. Building upon the glowing success of last year's "Candlelight" concert, **Stand By Me** illuminates an evening of music from Louis Armstrong to Aretha Franklin. This night promises a blend of narrative and melody, enveloped in an intimate, candlelit ambiance, crafting an unforgettable experience.

**This concert is in collaboration with the Chatham-Kent Black Excellence Awards.**

FREE-WILL  
OFFERING  
(SUGGESTED \$20)

**FEB 15**  
**2025**

ST. ANDREW'S  
UNITED CHURCH  
7:00PM

*Like a candle in the dark, a good idea illuminates the imagination*  
- Anonymous



*Saturdays at 7*

# CHARLIE CHAPLIN IN "THE GOLD RUSH"

## SMILE

### Charlie Chaplin and the Silent Movie

Step back in time and experience the magic of Charlie Chaplin's cinematic masterpiece *The Gold Rush*, with live pipe-organ accompaniment. This unique concert event brings the silent film era to vibrant life, as the timeless antics of Chaplin's Little Tramp are enhanced by the haunting and exhilarating sounds of St. Andrew's Casavant organ played live. The iconic scenes of comedy, adventure, and romance gain new depths and emotions, creating an immersive experience that bridges the gap between the past and present. Join us for a night of nostalgia, laughter, and music.

FREE-WILL  
OFFERING  
(SUGGESTED \$20)

MAR 15  
2025

ST. ANDREW'S  
UNITED CHURCH  
7:00PM

*A day without laughter is a day wasted*  
- Charlie Chaplin



# MAN IN THE MIRROR

## Showcasing the Rhythms of Change

In a world that faces constant change and unprecedented challenges, we invite you to a concert that seeks to uplift, inspire, and offer a beacon of hope through the universal language of music. Join St. Andrew's music program on a carefully curated journey through musical pieces that resonate with the power of adaptation, resilience, and positive transformation. From stirring classical movements to contemporary compositions echoing the spirit of our times, each note is chosen to inspire a sense of possibility and renewal.

FREE-WILL  
OFFERING  
(SUGGESTED \$20)

APR 5  
2025

ST. ANDREW'S  
UNITED CHURCH  
7:00PM

*Imagination is the only weapon in the war against reality  
- Lewis Carroll*



**SPOTLIGHT**  
*Series*

**Baddest  
Big Band**



## **CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES**

### **Featuring the “Baddest Big Band”**

The **Baddest Big Band**, hailing from London, Ontario, brings together some of the finest jazz musicians in the area to perform both classic and contemporary big band music at the highest possible level. The founding goal of bandleader Seth McNall was to create an ensemble capable of interpreting the diverse musical offerings that fall under the umbrella of the “big band.” With a core of players who have been gigging and playing together for over 30 years, the Baddest Big Band does it all – a new band with an old soul.

TICKETS:  
\$25.00 IN SERIES  
\$30.00 SINGLE TICKET

**MAY 10**  
**2025**

ST. ANDREW'S  
UNITED CHURCH  
7:00PM

*It Don't Mean a Thing ... If It Ain't Got That Swing*  
- Duke Ellington

Saturdays at 7

**ST. ANDREW'S PRESENTS:  
THE SEASON FINALE!**

**JUNE 7, 2025 7:00PM**

## **OVER THE RAINBOW**

### **Hollywood's Greatest Movie Music**

As the grand finale to our season, we proudly present **Over the Rainbow**. This concert will transport you through the most memorable film music of the past hundred years, featuring both majestic instrumental scores and captivating vocal performances. St. Andrew's Chamber Orchestra will enter the pop realm for this one. From the sweeping romance of **A Star is Born** to the thrilling adventure of **Harry Potter**, and the heartwarming melodies of **The Sound of Music**, we celebrate the soundtracks that have become as iconic as the films themselves.

FREE-WILL  
OFFERING  
(SUGGESTED \$20)

**JUNE 7  
2025**

ST. ANDREW'S  
UNITED CHURCH  
7:00PM

*The sound and the music are 50% of the entertainment in a movie  
- George Lucas*



# COME JOIN US

As the saying goes, '*many hands make light work*' and we couldn't agree more. Our events are made possible thanks to the tireless efforts of our volunteers. If you're interested in lending a helping hand, we would be thrilled to have you join our team. From ushering to poster distribution, to ticket sales to sound/lighting setup, there's a role suited for everyone. If you're a musical enthusiast, we welcome your talent too! Consider joining our choir or performing in one of our events. Come, be a part of our vibrant community and help us create unforgettable musical experiences in Chatham-Kent!



**IMAGINATION IS MORE IMPORTANT  
THAN KNOWLEDGE**

*- Albert Einstein*

# TICKETS

Only shows indicating a ticket price in the brochure require a ticket. The rest are admission by donation.

**SPOTLIGHT**  
*Series*

Purchase all 3 Spotlight Series shows for \$75.00 to save \$15.00

**ONLINE:** [www.standrewschatham.org/events](http://www.standrewschatham.org/events)

**IN PERSON:** At the church office Monday-Thursday  
9:00am-12:00pm / 1:00pm-4:00pm



**CHRISTMAS:** Tickets only available at [www.cktickets.com](http://www.cktickets.com)  
or at the CK Tickets Box Office (75 William Street N)



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# LOCATION

**ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH**  
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