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## Live concerts—48th Season

### We've arrived at Season 48!

We're back at Mark's Lutheran (1001 Queens Rd, Charlotte 28207) for all our Charlotte concerts! We thank Pastor Tim McKenzie and church musician Les Ackermann for supporting us. Many of you have supported us through subscriptions or single ticket purchase, or watched online. We thank you for this, and for your generous donations.



We were able to offer another songwriting workshop and concerts at the Gaston County Library last spring and at Sisters of Mercy and Holy Angels in Belmont. We did two concerts at Belmont Abbey on the Arts at the Abbey Series. Funds were secured from the NC Arts Council, through the Gaston Arts Council, and Gaston Community Foundation to make this possible. These performances are on our You Tube channel where you can enjoy them at your leisure.

Sung Lee is now the assistant director of the series. Please congratulate him in his new role,



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### Our 2025-26 Season

October's concert brings another concert of our interest in Johann Sebastian Bach. The concert features soprano Rebecca Miller Saunders with Janelle Davis, Holly Maurer, Tom LaJoie, Henry Trexler, strings, Karen Jacob, harpsicord plus Sung Lee, flute and oboe.

A favorite, our December concert, will feature medieval and Renaissance music this season. There will be readings by Bob Sweeten and carols dating to those early times for all to sing. One performance only. Our venue can accommodate a larger number than previous venues. Please invite your friends.



February offers a time to celebrate Italian instrumental works. Most selections include strings, naturally, as well as winds.

The season closes in mid-March with music of the American Revolution. Some of the music you will recognize but other works collected from the Boston Public Library and Colonial Williamsburg may be less familiar, We also have a different tune to the 'Starspangled Banner'. Start your celebration of the

250th anniversary in historic style.

We look forward to sharing this music with you and celebrating America's banner year..



All 48th Season home concerts will be on Carolina Pro Musica's YouTube Channel a few weeks after our live performances.



<https://www.youtube.com/@carolinapromusica>

## Carolina Pro Musica Season 48

### German Ingenuity

Friday, October 3, 2025 7:30 PM

#### St. Mark's Lutheran

J.S. Bach and G.F. Handel dominated the music in the 18th century. Born near each other, they knew musical forms of the day but treated them differently. Hear Bach's wedding cantata 202, violin sonata BWV 1021, Handel trio HVW 390 and aria "O Had I Jubal's Lyre" from *Joshua*. Compare the differences yourself. Sung Lee appears as oboe soloist.

### Carolina Pro Musica Christmas

Friday, December 12, 2025 7:30 PM

#### St. Mark's Lutheran

Annual holiday event with medieval and Renaissance music, readings of the season, and carols for all to sing. Bob Sweeten, director of the Bob and Sheri Show, returns to tell the Christmas story. Musicians appear in period attire.



### An Italian Souvenir

Friday, February 27, 2026

7:30 PM

#### St. Mark's Lutheran

Italy was the source for the creation of new musical ideas by adding much improvisation and ornamentation. Plucked and bowed string instruments were used as the continuo in music of the middle and high baroque. William Simms joins on theorbo.

### Celebrating America's 250!

Friday, March 20, 2026 7:30 PM

#### St. Mark's Lutheran

Carolina Pro Musica joins in the celebration of America's 250th anniversary with music that was performed in Boston, Philadelphia, Williamsburg and other places in colonial America with tunes you may know and ones you wish you did.

### America's 250



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