

FIRST TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
PRESENTS

THEATER MONK

A DIVINELY ENTERTAINING CABARET
WITH

CHRIS CHERRY, *SINGER/SONGWRITER*
STEFAN BRODD, *PIANO*
AND FRIENDS IN DEED

A BENEFIT PERFORMANCE FOR
WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL
AND LOYOLA RETREAT HOUSE

*DAMAGED BY EARTHQUAKE AND HURRICANE,
THESE HOUSES OF PRAYER NEED OUR HELP*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH
SHOW AT 7:00 PM * SNACKS AT 8:00 PM

501 4TH STREET N.W. (4TH & E)
FREE OFF-STREET PARKING
METRO: JUDICIARY SQUARE

ADMISSION: PAY WHAT YOU WISH
INFO: 202-737-4859

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St. Benedict meets Broadway in Chris Cherry's one-hour cabaret show, *Theater Monk*, to be performed in downtown DC at Judiciary Square on Friday, November 18th at 7:00 pm at First Trinity Lutheran Church on the corner of 4th and E Streets, NW. All proceeds from the show go to Washington National Cathedral and Loyola Retreat House on the Potomac, which are facing uninsured repairs for major damage caused by the recent earthquake and flooding, respectively. Chris will sing show tunes from his popular musical theater works, accompanied by pianist Stefan Brodd and joined by vocalist Ian Brown-Gorrell. Snacks will follow the show.

Admission is pay what you wish for this evening of good music for a good cause. For venue, seating, and accessibility information, call First Trinity at 202-737-4859. For program and performer information, call Chris Cherry at 301-474-3181.

Praise for Chris Cherry's shows:

"Cherry shows remarkable talent in keeping the entire audience amused and enthralled, from adults to the youngest child."

-- *Greenbelt News Review*

"The audience was overwhelmed . . . 'The lyrics were so good I want to come back.'"

-- *Greenbelt Gazette*

Chris Cherry (*Singer/Songwriter*) has created eleven musical theater works, including *Homeward Bound*, *Perseus And The Gorgon*, *Memory Quest In Central Park*, and most recently, *The School For Super-Heroes Presents Orlando Furioso*, *The Musical*. He teaches at the Shakespeare Theatre Company Academy for Classical Acting, an intensive master's degree program training the new generation of American classical actors. He also coordinates performing arts programs for the historic New Deal city of Greenbelt, Maryland, mentoring young performers and early-career teaching artists. Chris is a featured baritone soloist at First Trinity Lutheran Church.

Stefan Brodd (*Piano/Arrangements*) is the director of music at First Trinity Lutheran Church and the cantor for both the Swedish Church of Washington and the Finnish Church of Washington. He also accompanies and arranges music for performers on Embassy Row and at gala events in Washington venues. He has accompanied four-time Tony Award winner Audra McDonald, Tony and Emmy Award winner Christine Baranski, and Helen Hayes Award winner Floyd King, among others. Most recently, Stefan played for soprano Meri Siirala of the Helsinki Opera at the Embassy of Finland.

Ian Brown-Gorrell (*Singer*) will graduate this May from the musical theater program at Point Park Conservatory of Performing Arts. An athlete-turned-performer, Ian played the dance-intensive lead role of Bobby Child in *Crazy For You* at Montgomery Summer Dinner Theater. Other local credits include *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *Grease*, *Little Women*, *42nd Street* and the role of Perseus in *Perseus And The Gorgon*. Ian loves the song gems of the 1930's and 1940's and is inspired by Fred Astaire.