

Christmas Concert

Agne G.



“Merry Christmas From My Heart”

Benefit for

*Music Link Foundation, Agne G. Music
Scholarship Fund*

November 24, 2018

7:00PM

*Epiphany Lutheran Church
Ellicott City (Columbia Hills), MD.*

Agne G's "Merry Christmas From My Heart"

Tonight's concert is a part of Epiphany Lutheran Church's program of encouraging young people in the development of their God-given talents. We are honored to have internationally recognized soprano Agne G. from Chicago as our featured performer. This is her only East Coast performance of the tour promoting her newly released Christmas CD "Merry Christmas From My Heart" which is on sale here tonight. Thank you Agne's parents, Sandra and Vidmantas (Vidas), for all their sacrifices. Per the wishes of Sandra, the proceeds of tonight's performance go towards The Agne G.'s Music Scholarship Fund of the MusicLink Foundation. We are also honored to have three local young pianists, Mariana Lennon, Trenton Shook, and Samantha Turner as guest performers.

Hosting a concert like this takes a team effort. I first would like to thank Frank Turban for being my close assistant in this endeavor. Further, Helen Weems of the Maryland State Music Teachers' Association, Deborah White-Bondhus of the White-Bondhus School of Music, and Joanne Haroutounian of MusicLink Foundation. They have been most valuable in making this benefit possible. Further, this endeavor would not have been possible without the efforts of the many members of Epiphany Lutheran Church and Venture Crew Scout Troop #851.

I welcome you to Epiphany and hope tonight's concert will be enjoyable and helpful in your preparation for the Christmas Season.

Jack Trautwein
Pastor, Epiphany Lutheran Church

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Program 7:00 PM

Pianist Samantha Turner – Sonata Op 14 No. 1 Movement 1

Allegro/Maggiore by L.V. Beethoven

First Set, Agne G.

With Piano Duet, Samantha Turner and Trenton Shook -

“Court of Myrtles” by Walter and Carol Noone

Intermission - 15 Minutes

Second Set, Agne G.

With Pianist Mariana Lennon – “Ballade” C. Debussy

Reception, Fellowship Hall Downstairs

Master of Ceremony: Dr. S. Edward Hawkins, III

Performers

Agne G. (Giedraityte) is a Lithuanian born seventeen-year-old classical artist from Chicago, Illinois. Agne has won multiple international performance awards, performed across the United States and Europe, appeared on national television, and sung at Carnegie Hall.

Agne began vocal and piano lessons at the age of eight. As she continued to develop her talents, she immersed herself in the study of music and went on to formally train at the International Performing Arts Academy of Chicago.

Agne has recorded: “Dream – Never Let Go Of Your Dreams” (2015) and “Getting To Know You” (2017) a collaboration CD by “Tre Principesse” which was a #2 charting album on the Billboard Classical Charts. Agne’s latest CD is, “Merry Christmas From My Heart,” (2018), which was recorded in Los Angeles by the well known composer and producer Kc Daugirdas. It is a heartfelt and powerful interpretation of favorite Christmas Carols, including creative orchestral accompaniments.

Mariana Antonia Lennon is from Clarksville, Maryland. She is the third of four children to Paul and Renee Lennon. She is 16 years old and attends 11th grade at Atholton High School. She began playing at age 5 and has been

studying under Mrs. Debbie White-Bondhus since 2007. Mariana has received several awards for her piano studies including the Elementary and Senior Distinguished Musicianship Awards for excellence in performance, theory, and keyboard technique. Mariana enjoys all things music. In 2016, Mariana began studying organ through a scholarship program with the American Organist Guild of Baltimore. At her High School, Mariana plays percussion for the Marching Band and Wind Ensemble. Upon graduation, Mariana plans to pursue a degree in music performance.

Samantha Turner, daughter of William and Bernadette Turner of Laurel, MD, is an 18-year-old senior at Cedar Brook Academy. She has been playing piano for 7 years and studying with her current teacher, Deborah White-Bondhus, for three-and-a-half years. Samantha has excelled at the Maryland State Music Teachers' High School Performance Examination, the Intermediate Theory Award, the MSMTA Keyboard Musicianship Intermediate Honor and the MSMTA Keyboard Musicianship. In addition, Samantha has performed and placed in numerous local and state solo, composition, and ensemble competitions. She has also performed in numerous judged recitals, festivals, outreach recitals, studio recitals, and church events. This year she will be accompanying a musical for the Glenmar United Methodist Church's Walk to Bethlehem – Welcome to Our World by C. Rice. Samantha has decided to dual major in college in music and music business/technology with the aspiration to work in the music industry.

Trenton Neal Shook was born in Knoxville, Tennessee. His family moved back to Maryland when he was a year old and currently resides in Sykesville. Trenton is the oldest with a younger brother and sister. He is a high school senior who was homeschooled for his entire education. Although he began playing piano in elementary school, he started serious study under Mrs. Debbie White-Bondhus in the seventh grade. He has received awards from the Maryland State Music Teachers' Association for keyboard and theory at the intermediate and advanced levels. He has placed in both local and state duet competitions. Along with competitive classical piano, he plays the keyboard for Mount Airy Bible Church's music team. When not at the piano he enjoys reading and martial arts. He plans to pursue a college degree next year.

We thank you for your support of tonight's concert.