



## Bethesda Music Series

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#### **Singing for a Cause: Mozart's *Requiem* at Bethesda Lutheran Church**

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut – The Bethesda Music Series invites the Greater New Haven community to a performance of Mozart's sublime *Requiem* (completed by R. Levin) and other choral and instrumental music on Sunday, June 2, at 4pm. The hour-long program will take place at Bethesda Lutheran Church, 450 Whitney Avenue, New Haven. The Bethesda Choir will be joined by the choir of First Presbyterian Church, New Haven, as well as by soloists and orchestra, under the direction of Lars Gjerde and Patrick McCreless. We promise an afternoon of inspiring and beautiful music making! Mozart died before completing his Requiem. Mozart scholar and performer Robert Levin recently made a rarely heard completion of the work. Join us for a special treat! The event is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be collected to support the next season of the Bethesda Music Series, recently featured in a national church magazine for its efforts to raise funds for New Haven charities through five annual concerts (see "Singing for a Cause" in *The Lutheran Magazine*, December 2012). A reception will follow the concert.

#### **About the Bethesda Music Series**

For over twenty years, the Bethesda Music Series has presented concerts to raise funds for social outreach in Greater New Haven, supporting agencies such as Life Haven, Immanuel Baptist Shelter, after-school tutoring programs, Good News Garage, area summer camps, and Habitat for Humanity. Madison architect and Habitat for Humanity board member Duo Dickinson praises the efforts of the music series. "After about a score's worth of concerts, Bethesda Lutheran Church has taken the proceeds of those concerts plus a generous matching grant from Thrivent [for Lutherans] to donate tens of thousands of dollars for Habitat for Humanity. At Habitat, we are graced with thousands of volunteers who commit time and treasure to create homes for people that could never afford them without those donations." Concerts are free and open to the public. Our building is handicap accessible. We are located at 450 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, where free parking is available. Please visit us at [www.bethesdanewhaven.org](http://www.bethesdanewhaven.org) for information or to join our electronic mailing list.

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