



**Community Arts Program (CAP)**

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**Community Arts Program (CAP)**  
**2023 Summer Concert Series**  
***38<sup>th</sup> Year!***

*An outstanding Summer Concert Series line-up for its 38<sup>th</sup> year:  
At a new, earlier time: 7:30 p.m.!*

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**CORAL GABLES, FL, USA** - This summer at a **7:30 p.m. new, earlier time** every other Thursday—**June 8 through August 17**—the *Community Arts Program (CAP) Summer Concert Series* returns for its 38<sup>th</sup> year. In the historic, Spanish-revival style setting of Coral Gables Congregational United Church of Christ, concertgoers have the **unique opportunity to not only hear music** by incredible classical and jazz musicians. Attendees also **learn more about the music and each artist's journey** with music.

Since 1985, the Community Arts Program (CAP) Summer Concert Series has been attended by more than 70,000 concertgoers. It is a time-honored tradition that continued with virtual broadcasts to the world throughout the pandemic summers of 2020 and 2021, and gathered an average of 7,500 views each summer. This developed an extended audience that CAP is excited to welcome on-ground again in the summer of 2023!

Throughout the school year, the Community Arts Program (CAP) also provides after-school music education with the CAP Conservatory for the Arts and its Miami Jazz Institute. These reach children and youth from over 53 Miami-Dade County Schools, no matter what students' circumstance or ability.

*“The Community Arts Program (CAP) Summer Concert Series is a rare opportunity to hear world-renowned artists in the intimate and beautiful Coral Gables Congregational United Church of Christ,”* says **Shelly Berg, Dean** of the **Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music at the University of Miami**. *“The CAP Conservatory for the Arts provides high-quality music education to children, many of whom would otherwise be denied access to the wonder of music and the beauty of the artistic spirit.”*

*“We are very excited to welcome concertgoers on-ground again, and with the usual line-up of incredible artists this summer,”* says **Mark Hart, Executive and Artistic Director** of the **Community Arts Program**. *“It’s an honor also to **welcome concertgoers locally, from across the States, and the globe**; and a reward as well to see the growth of our after-school music education program for all children and youth.*

## **ARTIST ROSTER – CAP 2023 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

### **JUNE 8 – CAP ALL-STAR JAZZ ENSEMBLE REUNION BIG BAND**

The *Community Arts Program (CAP) 2023 Summer Concert Series* opens when alumni of the CAP Miami Jazz Institute ALL-STAR Jazz Ensemble return for a full-on REUNION big band, directed by Daniel Strange! A top-tappin’ evening transports listeners to the Big Band era with music of Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, and other giants!

### **JUNE 22 – MARK KOSOWER**

Principal Cello of the Cleveland Orchestra, Mark Kosower, embodies the complete musician, exemplified through his numerous awards and accolades. Joined by pianist, Melivia Raharjo, it’s an incredible evening with music of Beethoven, Coleridge-Taylor Perkinson, Krenek, Myaskovsky, and Martinů.

*“An exceptionally intelligent and sensitive cellist.” - **Chicago Tribune***

### **JULY 6 – 5 STRING SWING**

5 String Swing sweeps concertgoers onto their feet with music of Cole Porter to George Gershwin, and everything in between, from the Great American Songbook. Dr. Steffen Zeichner, violin; Flexter Henderson, clarinet - saxophone - cajón; Dr. Greg Diamond, guitar; and Dr. Benjamin Whitman, bass create a lush, holiday celebration!

## **JULY 20 – SHANNON POWELL TRIO**

One of the most sought-after drummers and percussionists in the world - a powerful technique steeped in the drumbeats that emanate from the streets of New Orleans. Enjoy noted New Orleans' musicians Shannon Powell, drums and vocals; Kyle Roussel, piano; and Grayson Brockamp, bass. Just wow!

*"The most solid, swingin' and stylistically simpatico rhythms to be found anywhere on the planet."* - **Offbeat Magazine**

## **AUGUST 3 – SINTA QUARTET**

First-prize winner at the Concert Artists Guild Competition, Sinta Quartet continues with accolades for its virtuosity. Four saxophone masters craft a jaw-dropping experience of Dvořák, Ligeti, Béla Fleck, and others – from works steeped in folk tradition, to time-honored music from around the globe.

*"A tight-knit ensemble exploding with power and virtuosity!"* - **Boston Musical Intelligencer**

## **AUGUST 17 – EKEP NKWELLE**

The *Community Arts Program (CAP) 2023 Summer Concert Series* concludes with Ekep Nkwelle. This dazzling Cameroonian-American 2022 *Sarah Vaughan International Jazz Vocal Competition* winner is joined with Luther Allison, piano; Jason Clotter, bass; and Hank Allen-Barfield, drums. Ekep sings her story and deep passion for jazz - with music from great recordings and artists that have influenced and continue to inspire her.

*"Her voice soars."* - **NPR**

## **CONCERT TICKET PRICES**

***Early Ordering Recommended! Concerts Sell Out Quickly!***

**General Admission Ticket:** \$35 advance; \$40 at the door

**Individual Patron Ticket:** \$50 advance; \$55 at the door

Includes reserved, general seating within rows 1 through 9

**Patron Series:** \$270 (\$30 savings!) ALL SIX concerts

Includes reserved, general seating within rows 1 through 9

**Patron Mini-Series:** \$190 (\$10 savings!) FOUR concerts of one's choice

Includes reserved, general seating within rows 1 through 9

## **ORDER INFORMATION**

Order tickets by calling **305.448.7421, ext. 120**. **VISA and MasterCard are accepted**. For instant processing and confirmation anytime: **Order tickets quickly, safely, and conveniently online at [www.CommunityArtsProgram.org](http://www.CommunityArtsProgram.org)**. All concerts are Thursdays at a new, earlier time: **7:30 p.m.** Free and convenient parking is available.

## **FREE Community Arts Program (CAP) Summer Master Classes & Jam Sessions**

**FREE CAP Summer Master Classes & Jam Sessions** by the following CAP Summer Concert Series artists are on the **Friday morning (10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)** following their concert: **Mark Kosower, 5 String Swing, Shannon Powell, and Sinta Quartet**. Anyone can attend. CAP Summer Master Classes & Jam Sessions offer fascinating topics and fun discoveries. CAP Summer Master Classes & Jam Sessions are in the historic Coral Gables Congregational United Church of Christ sanctuary (where CAP Summer Concert Series concerts are also held).

## **DIRECTIONS**

Coral Gables Congregational United Church of Christ is located at 3010 De Soto Boulevard (directly across from the Biltmore Hotel and five miles from Miami International Airport) in Coral Gables, FL, USA.

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