



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF SANTA MONICA

MID-WEEK RECITALS

ONLINE SERIES



OCTOBER
2025

Wednesday, October 15, 2025
12:10 p.m.

**TRIO AUTUNNO: KEVAN TORFEH, cello;
KENTON YOUNGSTROM, guitar;
AND PETER DOUBROVSKY, string bass**

Hallelujah	Leonard Cohen (1934–2016)
Cavatina	Stanley Myers (1930-1993)
Canzonetta	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791)
Fantasia	Josquin des Prez (1450-1521)
Bachianas Brasileiras - Aria	Heitor Villa-Lobos (1887–1959)
Pavane, Op.50	Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924)
Le cygne (The Swan)	Camille Saint-Saëns (1835–1921)
<i>Peter Doubrovsky, soloist. In memory of Gary Karr (1941-2025)</i>	
Ondulação	Kenton Youngstrom (1958-)
Sleepers Awake	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
Canarios	Gaspar Sanz (1640-1710)

The First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica welcomes you to this concert. To view this performance and other past concerts, go to: Facebook (@santamonicaumc); YouTube (@SantaMonicaUMC); the website: www.santamonicaumc.org/mid-week-recital-series; or the First UMC App: App Store, search FirstUMC_SM

About The Artists

Kevan Torfeh is a professional cellist and teacher based primarily in Southern California. His musical activities include recording for film and television, concerts, and teaching. In the past, Mr. Torfeh served as Principal and Solo Cellist for the L.A. Mozart Orchestra for 14 seasons, Associate Principal Cellist of the California Philharmonic Orchestra for seven years, Associate Principal cellist with the Temianka Virtuosi for five seasons and as a member of the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra for 17 years. In recent years, he has recorded for film and television scores such as *Inside Out 2*, *IF*, *Coco*, *Moana*, *Lightyear*, *Jurassic World*, *War for the Planet of the Apes*, *Spiderman: No Way Home*, *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*, *Zootopia*, *Up*, *The Incredibles*, *Star Trek: Strange New Worlds*, *Lost*, and *Grey's Anatomy* in recent years.

A native of Los Angeles, Mr. Torfeh studied with Robert Federgreen, Eleonore Schoenfeld and Gabor Rejto. He did further studies at L'Accademia Chigiana in Siena, the Hochschule Mozarteum in Salzburg, and in London with William Pleeth. He served as Adjunct Professor for Cello at Santa Monica College for 16 years. Mr. Torfeh currently teaches privately and many of his students have gone on to professional careers.

Double bassist **Peter Doubrovsky** studied with John Gray (London Symphony, Academy of St. Martin in the Fields) at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and received a diploma in performance from the Queensland Conservatorium of Music in Australia. Peter has performed with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, Los Angeles Opera, Pacific Symphony and the Oregon Bach Festival. He currently is a member with the Pasadena Symphony, Los Angeles Master Chorale and Orchestra Santa Monica. In addition to performing and teaching, Peter has played on over 400 motion pictures and albums.

Kenton Youngstrom is active as a recording artist, producer, composer, arranger and educator, and his eclectic career has taken him around the world, performing in classical, jazz and rock concerts in Europe, the Far East, Canada, Mexico and throughout the U.S. His compositions and arrangements have been featured on film, television, and recordings and producing credits include, the Falla Guitar Trio's Concord Records LP, "Virtuoso Music for Three Guitars," which won a Record of the Year award from Stereo Review magazine. His critically acclaimed solo guitar debut, "Voices of the Collection, Vols 1 & 2," featuring 55 classical pieces performed on 55 world class instruments, is available on all streaming platforms and on his own artist channel on YouTube. Mr. Youngstrom joined the distinguished faculty of the Colburn School of Performing Arts in 1979.

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2025-26 Schedule

- Sept 10 **Philip Vaiman**, violin
Oct 8 **Classical Gass**, cello, guitar, and bass
Nov 12 **Laurent Jochum**, organ
Dec 10 **Meagan Martin**, mezzo soprano
Jan 14 **Noah Sonderling**, piano
Feb 11 **Gold Line Saxophone Quartet**
Mar 11 **Sangam: Paul Livingstone**, sitar; **Peter Jacobson**, cello
Apr 8 **Trio Pacifico**, flute, guitar and cello
May 13 **Esther Yune, Susan Kim-Pedroza**, 4-hand piano



Presented by Dr. James E. Smith, First UMC Music Director, the Mid-Week Recital series is held online on the second Wednesdays of the month in the Fall and Spring. Recitals begin promptly at **12:10 p.m. online** then are available to view anytime afterwards.

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