

## ***Concerts with a Cause 2016-17***

**September 25                      Four Local Stars                      3:00 pm**

Our audiences requested it, and we like the idea.  
Four local organists kick off the season with an all-organ concert.  
Jim Nord, Alvin Blount, Keith Shafer, Brad Cunningham

**The cause: The Hale Foundation**

**October 9                      WindSync                      3:00 pm**

*"... staunchly dedicated to pushing the boundaries of wind quintet performance with youthful, pop-rock sensibility."*

Winnipeg Free Press

*"WindSync is a wind quintet like you've never heard or seen,  
and they're made up of a group of virtuosos who are also wonderful people, too."*

Alison Young, Classical MPR

*"...revolutionary chamber musicians..."*                      Houston Chronicle

**The cause: When Help Can't Wait**

**November 13                      Jason McKinney, baritone                      3:00 pm**

Augusta audiences enjoyed Mr. McKinney's performance as Figaro in last season's *Marriage of Figaro*.

We wanted to hear more. He returns, offering *A tribute to Paul Robeson*  
plus *Music Through the Ages* with Karon McKinney

**The cause: Harrisburg Family Health Care**

**December 24 Christmas Eve Concert and Lessons and Carols 10:30 pm**

The Saint John Choirs and orchestra

**The cause: The United Methodist Children's Home**

**February 19                      A Choral Festival with Brad Holmes                      3:00 pm**

Brad Holmes of Millikin University conducts a festival concert with the choirs of  
Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School, Thomson First UMC and St. John UMC Augusta.

**The cause: Natalie's Light**

**March 19                      Sophie Shao, cello and Milana Strezeva, piano                      3:00 pm**

*"A recipient of the prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant at age 19,  
Ms. Shao has earned numerous accolades for her performances around the world  
and has won the top prizes at the Rostropovich and Tchaikovsky competitions.  
As she played Monday, one could hear why."* – Las Vegas Review-Journal

**The cause: iCare4, Inc.**