



FRANCONIA
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Music Ministry

Presents

Charm City Baroque

Sunday, January 22 at 4:00 p.m.

Franconia United Methodist Church

6037 Franconia Road Alexandria, VA 22310



*Featuring Michael De Sapio, Baroque violin,
and John Armato, Baroque lute and theorbo.*

Charm City Baroque is a chamber ensemble dedicated to the glorious Baroque style of western music, bringing the music of the 17th and 18th centuries to vivid life through the use of period instruments and insight into historical performance techniques. CCB was formed in 2008 by several friends who met while studying at the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore and has been solidified by true friendship and camaraderie among its players.

Michael De Sapio grew up in Alexandria, Virginia and attended The Catholic University of America and The Peabody Conservatory. Equally at home on Baroque and modern instruments, Michael has performed with The Washington Bach Consort, Folger Consort, Modern Musick, Wolf Trap Opera Company, and the Fairfax Symphony, among other groups.

John Armato came from Los Angeles to Baltimore to study classical guitar at the Peabody Conservatory, then went on to earn a Master's in lute performance there. He has performed with a number of area ensembles including Peabody Consort and National Gallery of Art Vocal Ensemble, and has also toured extensively in Japan and Taiwan.

The Music Ministry of Franconia United Methodist Church is sponsoring a community concert series that will bring nationally-recognized and internationally-acclaimed professional musicians to perform. These concerts are open to the public and are entirely unique, providing experiences unparalleled in the Franconia/ Kingstowne community. These concerts are free, but will include an opportunity for free-will offering.

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