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Sherman Chamber Ensemble Jazzes Up the Classics Thanksgiving Weekend

Get your holidays off to a great start as the Sherman Chamber Ensemble presents its annual free Thanksgiving weekend "Jazzing Up the Classics" matinee concerts, to be held this year on Saturday, November 26th at 4:00 PM at the Sherman Congregational Church and on Sunday, November 27th at 3 PM at St. Andrew's Church in Kent.

Returning for this month's concerts is the ensemble of talented and versatile musicians who have made these events sold-out crowd pleasers year after year: Ted Rosenthal (piano), Susan Rotholz (flute and vocals), Eliot Bailen (cello), Thomson Kneeland (bass) and Chris Parker (drums).

The program will feature Ted Rosenthal's arrangements of selections from the ever-popular Nutcracker Suite, along with his signature jazz improvisations on classical themes. Ensemble bassist Thomson Kneeland contributes a new tango composition, and SCE Artistic Director Eliot Bailen has written an original song to be sung by the multi-talented Ms. Rotholz, who will also perform songs by Joni Mitchell and Cole Porter.

Admission is free, and each performance will be followed by a reception featuring light refreshments and a chance to meet with the performers. The Congregational Church is located at 6 Church Road, off Route 39 North in Sherman. St. Andrew's Church is at 1 North Main Street (Route 7) in downtown Kent. Reservations are not required. For more information, call the Sherman Chamber Ensemble at 860-355-5930, write to P.O. Box 578, Sherman, CT 06784 or visit SCE's website at www.shermanchamberensemble.org.

Founded in 1983 to bring world-class live classical music performance to Western Connecticut, the Sherman Chamber Ensemble was recently described in The New York Times as "about as close as it gets to the Platonic ideal of a chamber music concert." Now in its 29th season, SCE offers a summer chamber music series, educational activities including the popular "Song to Symphony" residency programs, and a year-round slate of musical events showcasing the best of live musical performance, from classical to bluegrass to jazz. Support for this season comes from the Connecticut Office of the Arts, Webster Bank, the Kaplen Foundation, private foundations, local businesses and many generous individual donors.

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