

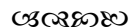
LENTEN CONCERT SERIES
February 15, 2024 • 12 Noon

Keith Nicholas, cello
Matthew Phelps, piano

Sonata for Cello and Piano in A major, op. 68

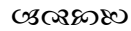
Ludwig van Beethoven
(1770-1827)

- I. Allegro, ma non tanto
- II. Scherzo-Allegro Molto
- III. Adagio cantabile—Allegro vivace



Cellist **Keith Nicholas** is a native of Lincoln, Nebraska, and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and a Master of Music degree from Florida State University. He joined the Nashville Symphony in 1999 and has taught cello previously as adjunct faculty member of Belmont University and Austin Peay State University. An active studio and chamber musician, Keith plays sessions regularly with the Nashville String Machine and performs with the Belmont Camerata Musicale.

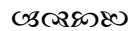
Matthew Phelps is the Minister of Music at West End United Methodist Church, the Founder and Artistic Director of Vocal Arts Nashville, and the Artistic Director Collegium Cincinnati. At West End UMC, Phelps conducts the Chancel Choir and oversees a comprehensive music ministry that includes two adult choirs, 4 choirs for children and youth, and two handbell choirs. A sought-after pianist, Phelps has given solo recitals across the nation and frequently performs as a founding member of the Elliston Trio with his friends Erin Hall and Keith Nicholas. He received his doctorate in conducting from the College-Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati, OH and studied piano with Elisabeth Pridonoff and Jackson Leung.



Still to Come in the Series

- February 22 **Abraham Wallace**, organ
- February 29 **Dale Nickell**, organ
- March 7 **Andrew Risinger**, organ
- March 14 **Tiantian Liang**, piano
- March 21 **Denise Baker**, violin
 Susan Snyder, piano

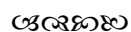
Each half-hour concert begins at noon in the sanctuary. Following the concert, lunch is available at 12:30 p.m. in McWhirter Hall for \$12. **Lunch requires a reservation.** Register online at westendumc.org/lentenconcerts or call the church at 615.321.8500 by noon on Wednesday, one day prior to each concert.



Lenten Choral Concert

March 3 • 4:30 p.m.

Haydn Mass in G Major
Bach Cantata No. 78 “Jesus, You Are My Soul”
Chancel Choir with Orchestra • Matthew Phelps, conductor



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