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Arts & Faith St. Louis presents...
The second annual *September 11th Interfaith Memorial in Music*
An Appreciation of Religious Diversity

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - ST. LOUIS, MO – August 13, 2012 – **Arts & Faith St. Louis**, a working partnership between St. Louis arts, religious, and university leaders is excited to announce the second annual *September 11th Interfaith Memorial in Music: An appreciation of Religious Diversity*. The group aims to promote a “more harmonious St. Louis” by establishing an ongoing relationship between the arts and faith communities. The concert takes place on **Sunday, September 9, 2012 at 5:30 pm** in the perfect acoustics of the historic **Sheldon Concert Hall** (3648 Washington Blvd), and features renowned Grammy-winning soprano **Christine Brewer**, jazz pianist **Peter Martin**, American Soul artist **Brian Owens**, and the **Dickson String Quartet**, in addition to musical representatives from Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, Hindu, and Muslim faith groups. Plans for the evening also include the installation of a temporary interactive sculpture on Washington in front of the Sheldon, created by St. Louis artist **Lyndsey Scott**. The event is free and open to the public.

Primary sponsoring partners for the *Interfaith Memorial in Music* include Interfaith Partnership, the Jewish Community Relations Council’s Michael and Barbara Newmark Institute for Human Relations, Opera Theatre Saint Louis, and the Sheldon Arts Foundation. The Whitaker Foundation is the lead underwriter, with additional significant support from the Goldstein Family Foundation.

The Pipes and Drums Corps and an honor guard from the City of St. Louis Fire and St. Louis County Police Departments will present the colors. **Dr. Gerald Early**, distinguished professor at Washington University and Director of the Center for Humanities will provide opening reflections.

Following the show, audience members will have the opportunity to affix ribbons to the interactive sculpture as a physical sign of commitment to understanding, respecting, and working for peace in the face of religious diversity.

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