

# St. James

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Steven Rickards  
*Founder* and Artistic Director of Echoing Air, Inc.  
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Dear Steven,

We were again privileged to hear Echoing Air in the St. James Concert Series. It was an awe-inspiring performance. The variety of music from England, Germany, Italy, and France, mixing sacred and secular music of composers from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> centuries was well executed, and a wonderful representation of the repertoire for countertenors and continuo. The blending and playfulness between the countertenors and continuo was a pleasure to hear, as well as the repertoire that featured these voices; particularly striking was the contrast in your lovely, bright timbre and Daniel Bubeck's smokier sound. Diction from both of you and intonation from all was as close to perfect as one could execute. Your ease in offering insight into the music during the concert was particularly engaging.

Thank you again for making such a fine contribution to our concert series.

Sincerely,



Helen Van Abbema Rodgers  
Director of Music