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Free Concert at New Utrecht Church - From Mozart and Handel to Lennon, McCartney

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BROOKLYN - The James Madison High School String Ensemble gives a free concert in the Parish House at the [New Utrecht Reformed Church](#) Saturday, June 11, at 3 p.m. The program, sponsored by the Friends of Historic New Utrecht, will range from Mozart and Handel to Lennon and McCartney.

After the performance, the audience will have an opportunity to meet with the young musicians. Refreshments will be served. Parking is free in the church lot at 18th Ave. and 84th St. in Bensonhurst.

The James Madison String program was founded in 1997 and has been honored by the New York State School Music Association and is sponsored in part by a grant from D'Addario & Company, Inc.

The conductor will be Melissa Morris. In addition to performances by the entire ensemble of 20 to 25 musicians, the concert also will feature quartets, quintets and solos.

The public also will have an opportunity to donate to the repair and restoration of New Utrecht's 1828 landmark building, next door to the Parish House. The historic structure has been closed since Dec. 2003 while the Friends organization and the church, a member of the Reformed Church in America (RCA), conduct a \$2 million fund-raising campaign.

The New Utrecht church was established in 1677. Until late 2003, the building had been used for many years for educational and cultural programs for thousands of New York City school children. While efforts are made to raise the funds, many of these activities are conducted in the Parish House, which itself has a long history in Brooklyn's community and educational life.

Persons interested in finding out more about the history of New Utrecht and the Friends historic organization are invited to call (718) 256-7173 and to go to <http://www.historicnewutrecht.org/> and <http://www.newutrechtchurch.org/>.

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