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MUSIC FOR MUSIC CONCERT SERIES
AT TRINITY CHURCH ON THE GREEN
FEATURES TOM CHAPIN

New Haven, CT – Tom Chapin will be performing on Sunday, September 27 at 7:00 PM at Trinity Church on the Green, corner of Temple and Chapel Streets in New Haven. This is the second performance in a series of concerts to benefit the music program at Trinity Church.

Tickets in advance: \$20.00 each/ \$60.00 for a family and will be available at the door for \$25.00.

They are available online: www.trinitynewhaven.org/TomChapin

Tickets may be purchased at Walker Loden in New Haven and Madison and Books & Company in Hamden

Tom Chapin began his musical career at the age of eight when he auditioned for a choir. His song "Boys In The Choir", co-written with Si Kahn in 2009, captures that experience and appears on his CD *Let The Bad Times Roll*.

Chapin's career spans five decades, twenty-three albums and three Grammy awards. Chapin began performing in the early 1960s, playing in Greenwich Village folk clubs alongside his siblings Harry and Steve as The Chapin Brothers. Chapin launched his solo recording career in 1976 with *Life Is Like That*.

His style branched out into family music with his 1988 album *Family Tree*. He has since released twelve more family CDs comprised of songs about family life, positive self-image and respect for the environment. *The Incredible Flexible You* is a collection of songs for young listeners addressing the tricky waters of social interaction. "Writing family music has been a wonderful course in songwriting. You have a dual agenda: keep it understandable and fun for kids, but well written and intelligent and musical enough to keep adults listening as well."

Chapin played lead role in the Broadway musical *Pump Boys and Dinettes*, was musical director of both *Cotton Patch Gospel* and *Harry Chapin: Lies and Legends*, and served as host of TV's National Geographic Explorer. His album with John Forster titled *Broadsides: A Miscellany of Musical Opinion* is a collection of socially conscious songs written for Morning Edition. In 1971, he began hosting the award-winning ABC-TV children's series Make A Wish. Chapin and his songs are also featured in the 1970 documentary film *Blue Water, White Death*.

Chapin advocates for both environmental and charitable causes including WhyHunger, founded by his brother, Harry. In 2008 Chapin sang "Not on the Test" at the New York State United Teachers' Convention to highlight the importance of arts and music in education.

The music program at Trinity dates back to 1885 with the founding of the Choir of Men and Boys, one of the oldest existing choirs of its type in the United States. (They have performed with cathedral choirs all over the British Isles). The Choir of Men and Girls, founded in 2003, has also attained critical acclaim. Each choir has performed at Woolsey Hall and many other venues in central Connecticut, at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC and have joined forces with cathedral choirs in England on regular tours. Members of the two choirs are auditioned from all over central Connecticut. Walden Moore is the director of the Trinity choirs. Moore, Director of Music since 1984, is a nationally-known figure in sacred music, conducting choral and church music workshops across the nation. Many former choir members have made music their vocation, thanks to the exemplary leadership of Walden Moore.

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