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Saturday, November 9 at 7 PM Concert in the Sanctuary - Samuel Olawoyin and Giulia Galante

Our own Samuel Olawoyin and Giulia Galante will present a concert of classical music from Nigeria, Brazil and Western classical music as well.

Giulia Galante is a 23-year-old singer and educator who graduated with a Bachelor's in Voice Performance from Duquesne University. She studied classical vocal technique throughout her four years at Duquesne, but she also sings in several different styles, such as samba, bossa nova, pop, and jazz. She has received the encouragement award from the Marguerite Dougherty competition, and she was the recipient of the undergraduate winner award of the same competition. Giulia was a member of the choir Voices of Spirit at Mary Pappert School of Music, singing as a first soprano, as well as a soloist. As a teacher and educator, Giulia worked at The Woodlands Foundation Summer Camp as an assistant vocal coach for kids and adults with special needs. She also worked with the Latin Community Center in Pittsburgh leading group classes where she taught vocal technique and worked on a wide range of repertoire with the students. In addition, Giulia has been working as a voice and beginner piano instructor at Empire music, as well as a private instructor.

Samuel Olawoyin started his musical journey as a young boy when he was enlisted among those that were selected to learn the piano in his local church in Nigeria. It is worth noting that Samuel's father at this time was the choirmaster in their local church.

Samuel earned a National Diploma in Surveying and Geoinformatics from Federal School of Surveying, Oyo, Nigeria and a Higher National Diploma degree in Surveying and Geoinformatics from the Polytechnic of Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria. Samuel was very much involved in music while he was studying Surveying and Geoinformatics. So, because of his passion and love for music he eventually decided to become a professional musician by proceeding to study music formally in the University. Samuel enrolled for graded exams in piano and organ playing at the Musical Society of Nigeria (MUSON) in Lagos, Nigeria, where he earned grades 8 in piano and organ playing respectively. Samuel earned his Bachelor of Arts in Music at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria where he graduated with a First-Class Honors. This earned him a scholarship to study for his Master's Degree in African Music at the Institute of African Studies, University of Ibadan, Nigeria. Samuel is currently pursuing his Master's Degree in Organ Performance at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, United States of America where he is studying with the legendary organ teacher, Professor Ann Labounsky.

Samuel has accompanied several chorales and church choirs across Nigeria and in the United States. Samuel has also accompanied several oratorios on the organ like "The Creation" by Joseph Haydn, "Judas Maccabeus" by G.F. Handel to mention few, between 2016 and 2022. Samuel has given organ recitals in Nigeria and has also been part of several organ recitals organized by the organ department at Mary Pappert School of Music, Duquesne University.

Samuel is currently the Organist at Mt. Lebanon Christian Church, 367 Cedar Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15228. Samuel is happily married to Omolola Grace and blessed with lovely children.