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Concert Series Features Sherezade Panthaki, Soprano

RED BANK--The Tower Hill Concert Series presents soprano Sherezade Panthaki in concert Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church at Red Bank (Tower Hill), 255 Harding Road. She is known internationally for performing beloved 17th and 18th century works, such as Handel's Messiah, in a new and exciting way.

Panthaki is in demand as an opera and oratorio soloist, with a wide repertoire that includes Bach, Handel, Mozart, Purcell, Vivaldi and other composers of the Baroque period. Accompanying her in this recital are early-music musicians from Yale University playing harpsichord, organ, lute and theorbo (a small baroque guitar).

Born and raised in India, Ms. Panthaki received a bachelor's degree from West Virginia Wesleyan College, and a Master's Degree in vocal performance from the University of Illinois. She holds the 2011 Artist Diploma from the Yale School of Music and the Yale Institute of Sacred Music—a program that accepts one soprano per year. In 2011 she was invited to join the staff of the Yale Baroque Opera Project, where she works as principal vocal coach for undergraduate singers at Yale University.

She comes to Red Bank following performances in Kansas City, Edinburgh, London, San Francisco and Utrecht, Netherlands. Following her concert at Tower Hill, her spring 2012 schedule includes performances in New Haven, Cincinnati, St. Louis and New York (Carnegie Zankel Hall and Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center).

Like most Tower Hill Concert Series presentations, this concert is offered at no admission charge. An offering will be taken to help defray the expense of the concert series. The church is handicapped-accessible. # #