

2022-23 Season at a glance

Featuring Internationally Acclaimed Chamber Musicians



Stonewall Farm, Keene

Friday, September 2 - 7:30PM
Mozart, Turina, Brahms Piano Quartets

Friday, October 7 - 7:30PM
Debussy, Fauré, Saint-Saens Violin Sonatas

Friday, November 4 - 7:30PM
Gade, Andrée, Mendelssohn Piano Trios

Friday, March 31 - 7:30PM
Rachmaninov, Dvořák, Ravel Piano Trios

Friday, April 21 7:30PM
Doric String Quartet: Haydn, Beethoven, Elgar String Quartets

Friday, June 9 - 7:30PM
Elgar & Shostakovich Piano Quintets



The Park Theatre, Jaffrey

Sunday, September 4 - 4:00PM
Mozart, Turina, Brahms Piano Quartets

Sunday, November 6 - 4:00PM
Gade, Andrée, Mendelssohn Piano Trios

Friday, February 17 - 7:30PM
Beethoven, Schubert, Reizenstein Violin Sonatas

Sunday, April 2 - 4:00PM
Rachmaninov, Dvořák, Ravel Piano Trios

Sunday, June 11 - 4:00PM
Elgar & Shostakovich Piano Quintets



Alyson's Orchard, Walpole

Monday, October 10 - 4:00PM
Debussy, Fauré, Saint-Saens Violin Sonatas

Friday, December 9 - 7:30PM
Mendelssohn, Schubert, Beeethoven, Chopin Piano Works

Friday, May 12 - 7:30PM
Mozart, Schumann, Dvořák Piano Trios

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November 2022 Newsletter

Recent Highlights:

- **Ashuelot Concerts Schools Program has reached over 1,000 children since the start of the season in September.**
- **Our concert audience has doubled over the same period last season.**
- **Much more to come in 2023!**

Learning to Listen Through Music...

The average English speaker talks at a rate of 125 words per minute. The problem is, our brains think at a much, much faster rate. We are capable of receiving information at anywhere from 400 to even 800 words per minute!

For school children, this presents a real challenge. The act of teaching a new concept can only be delivered at a speed that leaves their young, dynamic brains with far too much spare capacity to think about other things and we all know what can happen then...!

This tiny piece of neuroscience is no surprise to us musicians. In chamber music, our listening skills are tasked with processing what is happening on the concert stage at high-speed, in real-time. We are required to follow each of our colleagues' virtuosic musical intentions, predicting exactly where, when and how they are going to play by carefully listening to the sound that they are making from

one note to the next. When a piano quartet is playing fast, for example, thousands, maybe even tens of thousands of notes are passing by every minute. Each note is packed with information which instructs us how to react in order to present a convincing, coherent and moving performance.

In our recent school visits, we have been challenging the children to stretch their own listening skills. During the performance, we encourage them to shut their eyes and concentrate on all the information coming through their ears. We then task them with listening, not just to the words of their teachers, but to the *music* in their speech - the rhythm, pitch, tone and volume. Music has so much to teach us about our brains and filling that spare capacity while listening is a fun place to start!

Imagine a world with less misunderstanding - **music really is the answer!**



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Year-End Appeal



As we approach the end of the calendar year, we are asking for your support at a critical time for our young organization.

Ashuelot Concerts has made huge progress this season, attracting musicians from the world's greatest concert stages to travel here to participate



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members and convert them into lifelong classical music fans. Your gift will enable us to use the power of live music to inspire children at school to try harder, learn smarter and discover new ways to listen and communicate. Your gift will allow us to promote live, classical music at the highest level as a means of healing at a challenging time.

Thank you so much for your generous support.

in our program. Compared to just a year ago, twice as many people have attended our recent concerts and our schools program is on target to reach 5,000 children this season.

However, Ashuelot Concerts remains a small, startup nonprofit organization in need of extra financial support.

Your gift will enable us to attract new audience

Music is Magnetic!

If you agree that music really is the answer... our new car magnets now available to purchase on our website. Help spread the word about our organization, concert series and mission by proudly displaying one of our magnets on your car! This small act of generosity could have a huge effect on making more people aware of our young organization and its important mission.



View from the classroom...



“ It was wonderful. I loved being able to talk to the musicians afterwards, and how friendly and open and inviting it was. And the music was beautiful. When I grow up I want to go to a concert like that every week.

Callie, age 13

“ It was great to be able to hear the music, and it was great to have it explained, and to be able to have the musicians so close and be able to interact with them. I loved the music and the experience.

James, age 16

“ As a homeschool mom it means the world to me to be able to expose my kids to such fantastic music in such an up-close and personal way. We have attended three of these concerts so far, and each one has been an amazing experience for all of us. The quality of the performances has been outstanding: I've been brought to tears, and have burst into laughter, and we've loved every minute of it. Nick and Louisa and their guests are incredibly talented, and have outstanding people skills as well. My kids have loved the opportunity to interact with them both during and after the concerts. Our lives have been deeply enriched by their gifts and their vision for sharing classical music with the next generation. We are so grateful!

Gretchen Post, Dublin

“ I attended my first Ashuelot Concerts event in 2018... and I was hooked! Four years later, now a Board member, I have had many opportunities to attend the school performances that precede each of our concerts. I make it a point to sit off to the side, so I can watch the children's faces as they listen to sounds that many of them have never experienced before. It's hard to comprehend that millions of American children never get such an opportunity. It's a delight to watch 100 or more young children sitting cross-legged in rapt attention, entirely caught up in the beauty of the unfamiliar music. They feel it vibrating in their bones, and immediately understand that live music creates a unique physical sensation that no digital device can deliver. You can feel their excitement. Hands go up all over the room as soon as the concert ends. Their questions and comments are often surprising, occasionally funny and always quite touching ... they reflect a deep curiosity about and admiration for the musicians. When the children ask, "How old were you when you started," or "How many hours a day do you practice," you can almost feel them wrestling with the question: "Could I do this?"

It's been a privilege to watch impressionable children experience something brand new and see their palpable sense of excitement. I can't help but leave these concerts with a bounce in my step, proud to play even a small role in bringing the gift of great music to the next generation.

Leslie R. Kenney, Board Member



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